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# BLUE EXORCIST





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# CAST OF CHARACTERS

## CHARACTERS IN THE PAST



### RIN OKUMURA

Born of a human mother and Satan, the God of Demons, Rin Okumura has powers he can barely control. After Satan kills Father Fujimoto, Rin's foster father, Rin decides to become an Exorcist so he can someday defeat Satan. Now a first-year student at True Cross Academy and an Exwire at the Exorcism Cram School, he hopes to someday become a Knight. When Yukio broke his Koma Sword, the power of Satan consumed him, but Shiemi called him back to himself. He has traveled to the past to learn the circumstances surrounding his birth.



### MEPHISTO PHELES

President of True Cross Academy and head of the Exorcism Cram School. He was Father Fujimoto's friend, and now he is Rin and Yukio's guardian. The number two power in Gehenna and known as Samael, King of Time.



### SHIRO FUJIMOTO

The man who raised Rin and Yukio. He was a clone of Azazel created in Section 13, but he made a deal with Mephisto and became an Exorcist.



### YURI EGIN

Rin and Yukio's mother. She was an orphan, but after she met Shiro, Asylum took her in and she became an Exorcist. She is the only person Satan trusts and is pregnant with his child.



### SATAN

Rin and Yukio's father. He is connected to and rules over almost all demons. He occupies Section 13 to prevent the deterioration of his body, but the Order soon captures him during an escape attempt with Yuri.

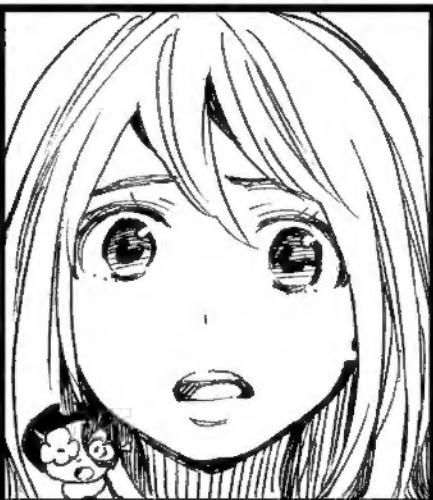
## CHARACTERS IN THE PRESENT





**YUKIO OKUMURA**

Rin's brother. He's a genius who is the youngest student ever to become an instructor at the Exorcism Cram School. Since learning that they were involved in cloning demon kings, he has begun to question the righteousness of the Knights of the True Cross and gone to meet the Illuminati.



**SHIEMI MORIYAMA**

Daughter of the owner of Futsumaya, an Exorcist supply shop. She possesses the ability to become a Tamer and can summon a baby Greenman named Nee. After quitting the Exorcism Cram School, she goes to the Vatican with personnel from the Grigori Agency.



**RYUJI SUGURO**

Heir to the venerable Buddhist sect known as Myodha in Kyoto. He wants to achieve the titles of Dragon and Aria. He is Lightning's apprentice and they were conducting an investigation together.



**KONEKOMARU MIWA**

He was once a pupil of Suguro's father and is now Suguro's friend. He's an Exwire who hopes to become an Exorcist someday. He is small in size and has a quiet and composed personality.



**IZUMO KAMIKI**

An Exwire with the blood of shrine maidens. She has the ability to become a Tamer and can summon two white foxes. The Illuminati had taken her captive, but with help from Rin and the others, she escaped and settled her grudge against the insane professor Gedoin.



**LEWIN LIGHT**

An Arch Knight, he is Arthur's right-hand man as well as number two in the Order. An expert in Arias and summoning, he goes by the nickname Lightning. The Order has taken him into custody for the crime of assaulting Dragulescu.



**LUCY YANG**

An Arch Knight from the China Branch.



**OSCEOLA REDARM**

An Arch Knight from the Mexico Branch.

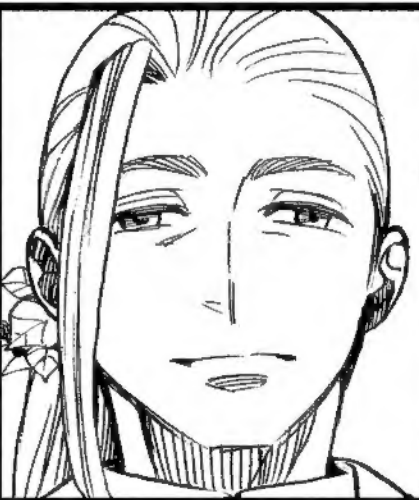


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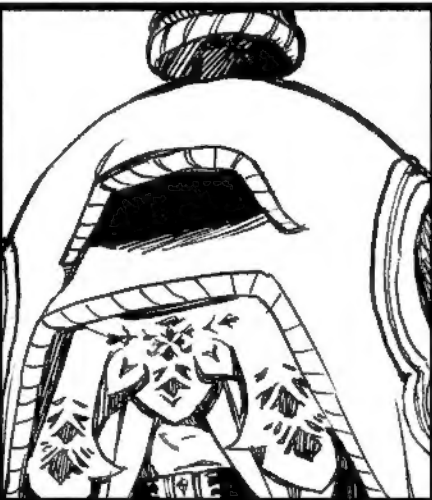
## ARTHUR A. ANGEL

A Senior Exorcist First Class and the current Paladin. He wields the demon sword Caliban and is certain that Rin, as the bearer of Satan's blood, should be destroyed.



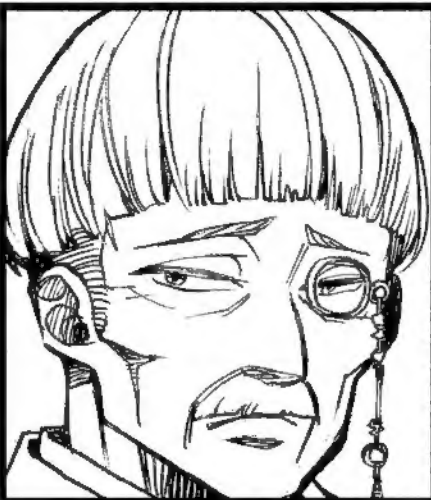
## GRIGORI AGENCY

An organization at Vatican Headquarters that assists the Grigori, which appears to have a connection to Shiemi's mother, but...



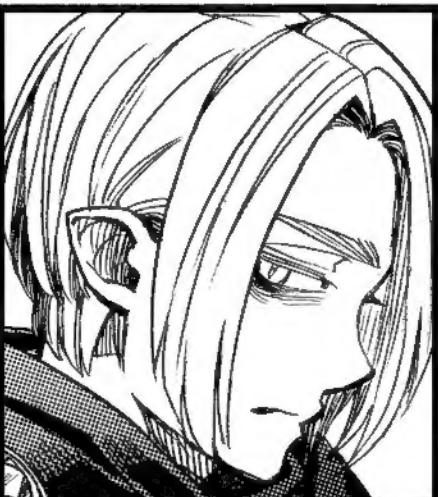
## SHEMIHAZA

One of the Grigori, the Order's highest advisors.



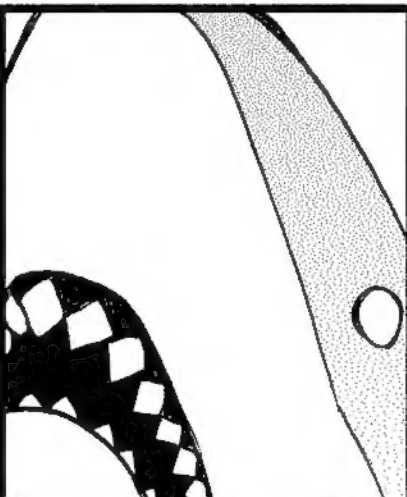
## DRAC DRAGULESCU

The director of K.R.C. Laboratory leading research into cloning for Lucifer. At the time, he went by the name of Nicolae Eminescu.



## LUCIFER

Commander-in-chief of the Illuminati. Known as the King of Light, he is the highest power in Gehenna. He plans to resurrect Satan and merge Assiah and Gehenna into one.



## EGYN

One of the Baal and known as the King of Water. Assistant director of the airborne research laboratory on *Dominus Liminis*.



## HOMARE TODO

Leader of Phosphorus, an organization of guards directly under Lucifer's command. She is Shima's superior officer and holds a rank of Adeptus Minor or higher.



## RENZO SHIMA

Once a pupil of Suguro's father and now Suguro's friend. Currently, he is a double agent providing information to both the Illuminati and the Knights of the True Cross.



## ❀ THE STORY SO FAR ❀

**BOTH HUMAN AND DEMON BLOOD RUNS THROUGH RIN OKUMURA'S VEINS. IN AN ARGUMENT WITH HIS FOSTER FATHER, FATHER FUJIMOTO, RIN LEARNS THAT SATAN IS HIS TRUE FATHER. SATAN SUDDENLY APPEARS AND TRIES TO DRAG RIN DOWN TO GEHENNA BECAUSE RIN HAS INHERITED HIS POWER. FATHER FUJIMOTO FIGHTS TO DEFEND RIN, BUT DIES IN THE PROCESS. RIN DECIDES TO BECOME AN EXORCIST SO HE CAN SOMEDAY DEFEAT SATAN AND BEGINS STUDYING AT THE EXORCISM CRAM SCHOOL UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF HIS TWIN BROTHER YUKIO, WHO IS ALREADY AN EXORCIST.**

**RIN AND THE OTHERS SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THE IMPURE KING, AWAKENED BY THE FORMER EXORCIST, TODO. MEANWHILE, YUKIO FIGHTS TODO, AND AS THE BATTLE RAGES, HE SENSES THE SAME FLAME IN HIS OWN EYES AS HIS BROTHER.**

**LATER, MYSTERIOUS EVENTS BEGIN OCCURRING AROUND THE GLOBE ORCHESTRATED BY A SECRET SOCIETY KNOWN AS THE ILLUMINATI. FINALLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY RECOGNIZES THE EXISTENCE OF DEMONS.**

**IN ORDER TO LEARN ABOUT SATAN INHABITING HIS LEFT EYE AND THE SECRETS SURROUNDING HIS BIRTH, YUKIO TELLS RIN GOODBYE AND GOES TO JOIN THE ILLUMINATI. RIN REALIZES HE TOO MUST KNOW ABOUT HIS BIRTH IF HE EVER WANTS TO SEE YUKIO AGAIN, SO HE TRAVELS INTO THE PAST.**

**AS HE OBSERVES THE LIVES OF SHIRO AND YURI, SATAN TAKES A CORPOREAL FORM. YURI KEEPS SATAN COMPANY TO PREVENT HIM FROM RAGING OUT OF CONTROL, AND HE GRADUALLY FALLS IN LOVE WITH HER.**

**THEY TRY TO ESCAPE ASYLUM TO LIVE A QUIET LIFE, BUT THE ORDER CAPTURES THEM. THEN SHIRO LEARNS THE SHOCKING FACT THAT YURI IS PREGNANT WITH SATAN'S CHILD!!**



CHAPTER 109:  
SsC23: 17D

FLASH

WHOA!

PLP

!

PLP

PLP

PLP







IT HAS  
BEEN 18 HOURS  
SINCE HER  
CONTRACTIONS  
STARTED.

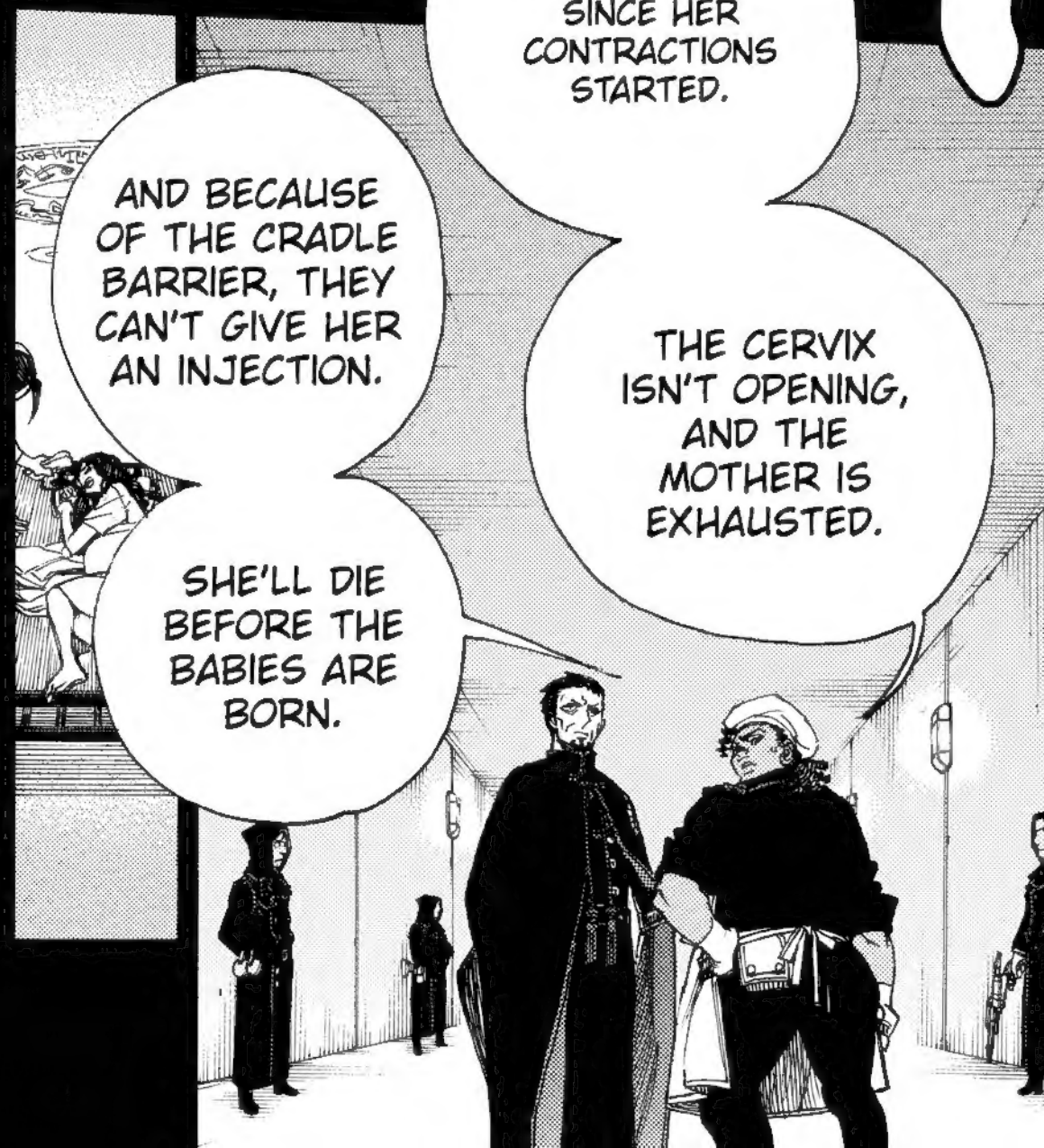
TO BE  
HONEST,  
THAT  
WOULD BE  
BEST.

AND BECAUSE  
OF THE CRADLE  
BARRIER, THEY  
CAN'T GIVE HER  
AN INJECTION.

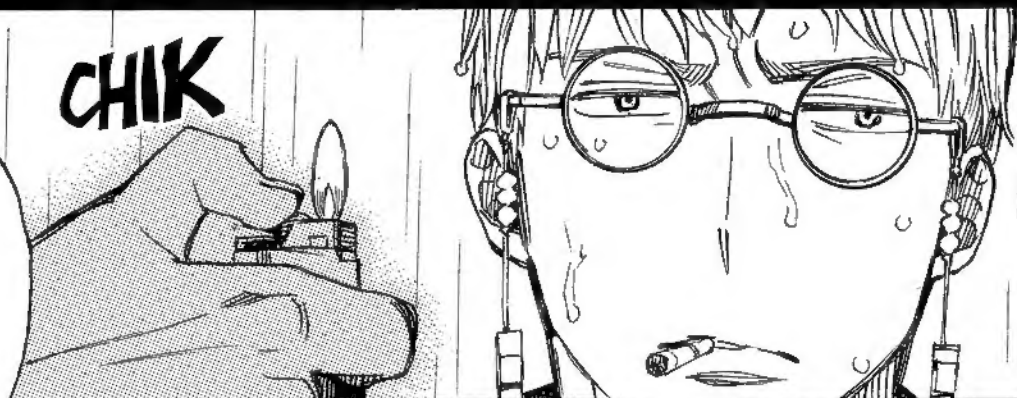
THE CERVIX  
ISN'T OPENING,  
AND THE  
MOTHER IS  
EXHAUSTED.

SHE'LL DIE  
BEFORE THE  
BABIES ARE  
BORN.

THEN THE  
BARRIER  
WILL  
DISAPPEAR.

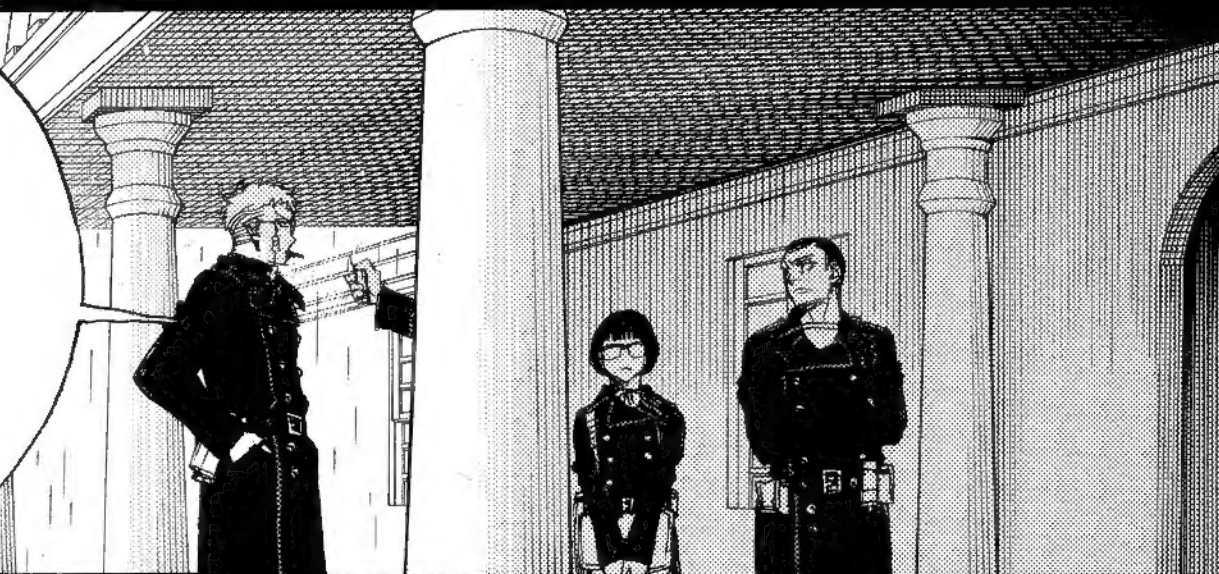






FATHER  
FUJIMOTO...

...ALLOW US  
TO ACCOMPANY  
YOU.

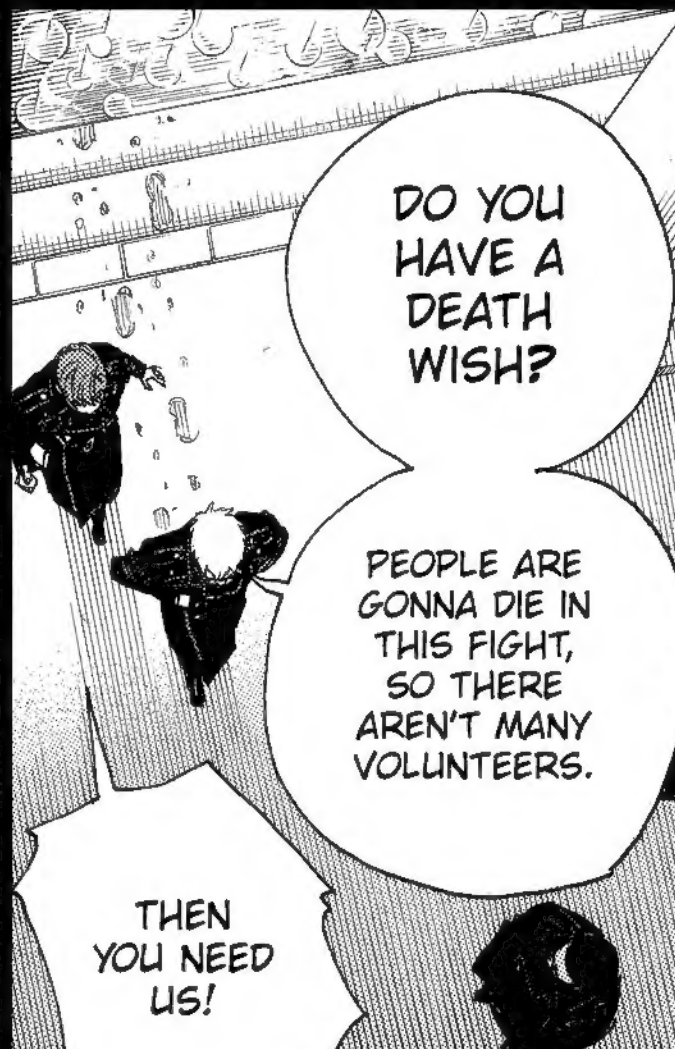


WHY ARE  
YOU SO  
EAGER?

I'LL  
COVER  
YOU!

I AM A  
DEACON.

I CAN  
HELP  
WITH A  
POWERFUL  
RITUAL.



DO YOU  
HAVE A  
DEATH  
WISH?

PEOPLE ARE  
GONNA DIE IN  
THIS FIGHT,  
SO THERE  
AREN'T MANY  
VOLUNTEERS.

THEN  
YOU NEED  
US!





SIIIGH

I WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU!

I WANT TO BE STRONG!

I TOOK A LIFELONG VOW TO THE TRUE CROSS CHURCH.

SO I SHOULD SERVE A PRIEST LIKE YOU!



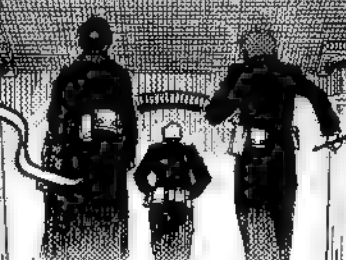
I WON'T TURN YOU AWAY.

I'M SHORT-HANDED.

DO AS YOU PLEASE.

Y...

YES, SIR!!



TSK H H H

SHE'S FOUR WEEKS LATE, AND A FULL DAY HAS PASSED SINCE SHE WENT INTO LABOR!


HER WATER BROKE!

AND HER CERVIX HAS FULLY DILATED!!


I'M TIRED OF WAITING!








CHILD H  
IS ALIVE  
BUT UNDER-  
DEVELOPED.



CHILD M IS  
LARGER AND  
WILL BREACH  
FIRST.



THE MOTHER IS  
WEAK AND MAY  
BE UNABLE TO  
BIRTH CHILD H.

**BEWARE  
OF CHILD M!**



ANYTHING  
COULD  
HAPPEN...



**COMMENCE  
OPERATION BLUE  
LIGHTNING!!**

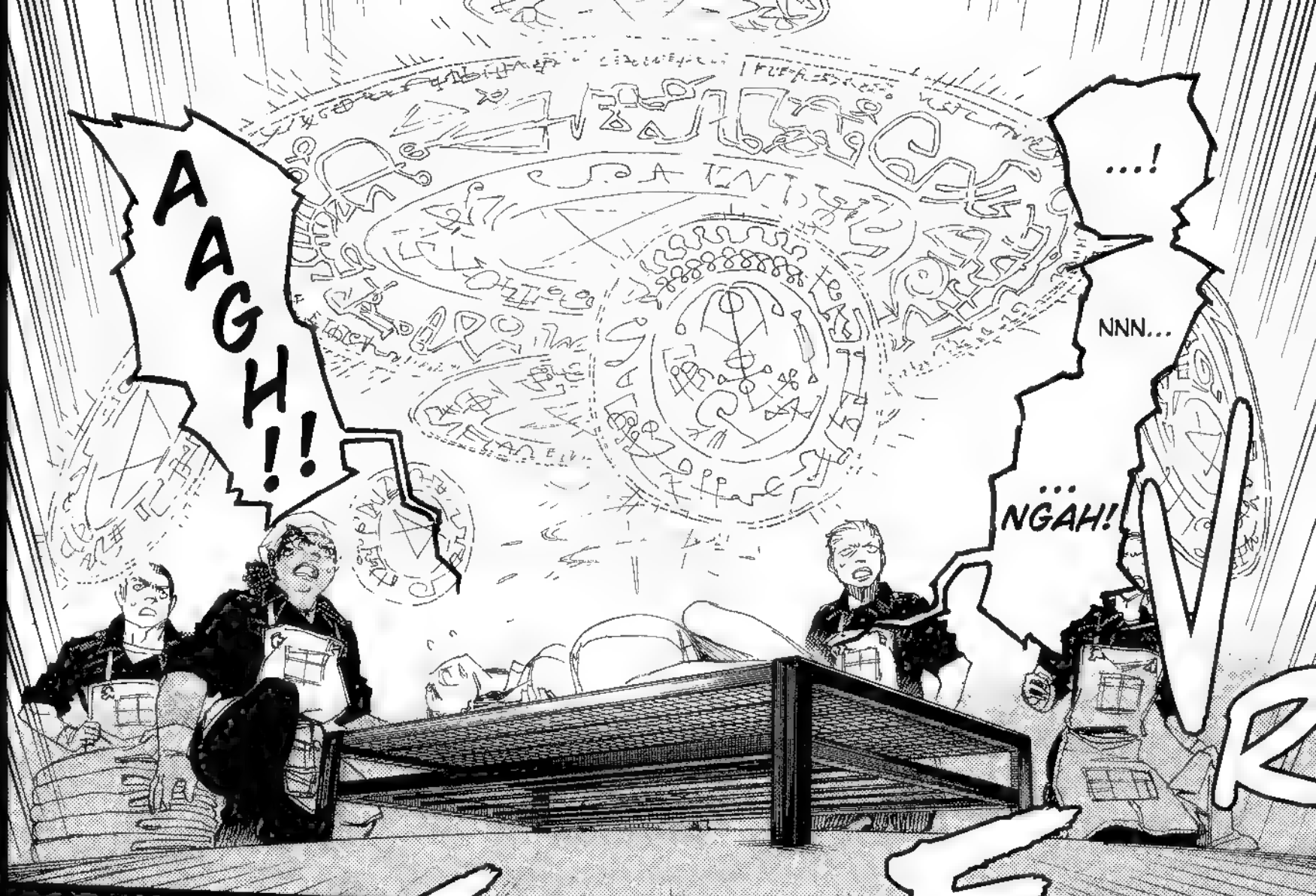
...SO BE  
PREPARED!











AGH!!

...!

NNN...

NGÄH!



AAA...

...AGH!

HEEZ

HUFF

HUFF



BUT  
WE HAVE  
TO GET  
CLOSE...

ARE THE  
DOCTORS  
SAFE?!

THE CRADLE  
BARRIER  
IS MORE  
ACTIVE  
THAN EVER!

IT'S  
TELLING  
US TO  
STAY  
BACK.



DEPLOYING...

...EXORCISM  
MUSICAL  
FORM!!!!



...WHO  
BEARS THE  
THUNDER  
MOTHER'S  
VOICE...

BOOM

I AM A  
THUNDER  
DEITY...

THE  
GAYATRI  
MANTRA!

ALL-KNOWING  
AND ALL-  
POWERFUL IN  
HEAVEN...



CHRRING

CHRRING

BOOM

BOOM

HUFF

HUFF

HNNGGH



LISTEN  
TO ME!

WE  
CANNOT TAKE  
MEDICAL  
ACTION  
BECAUSE OF  
THE CURSE!

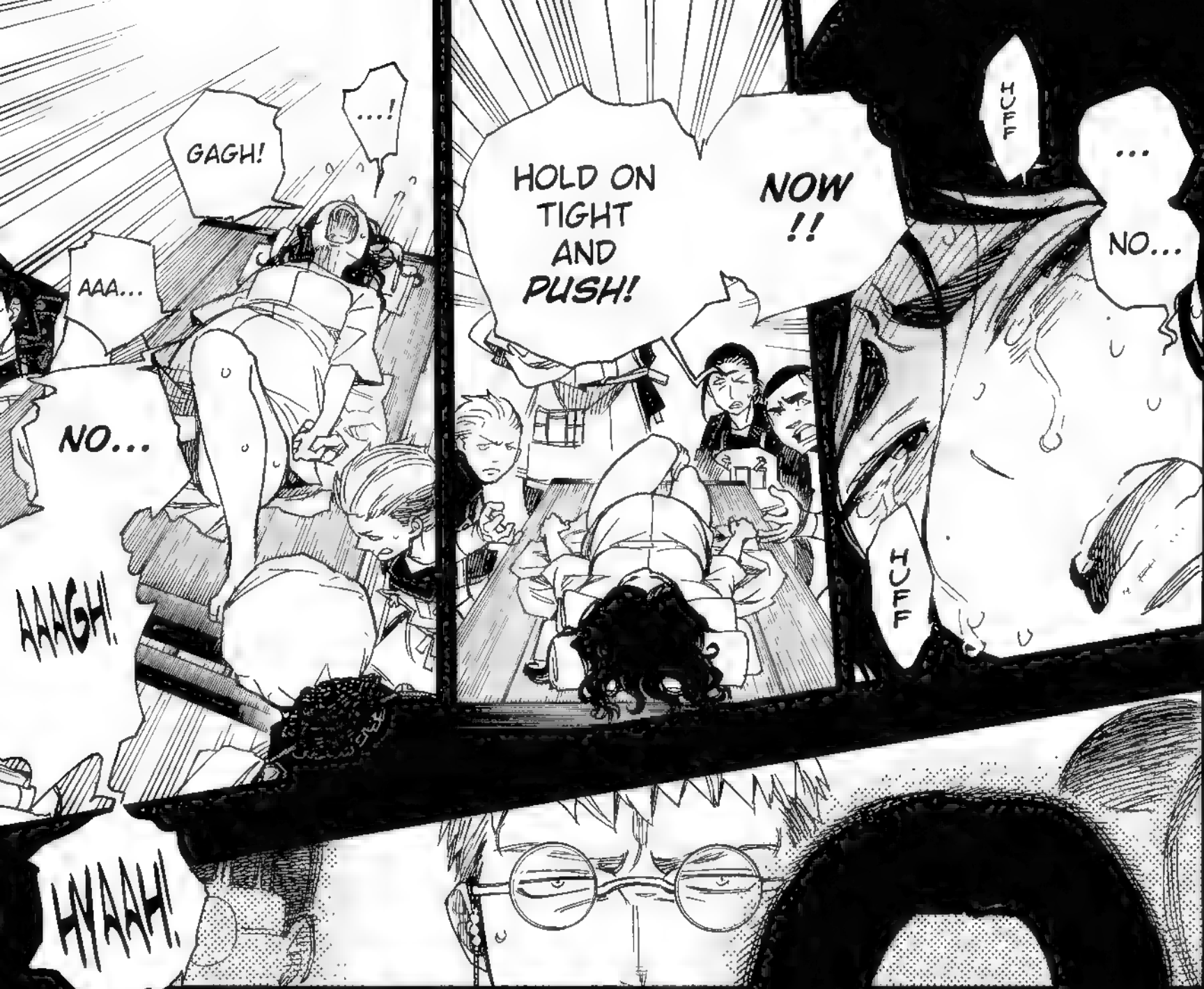
YOU HAVE  
TO DO THIS  
ON YOUR  
OWN!!

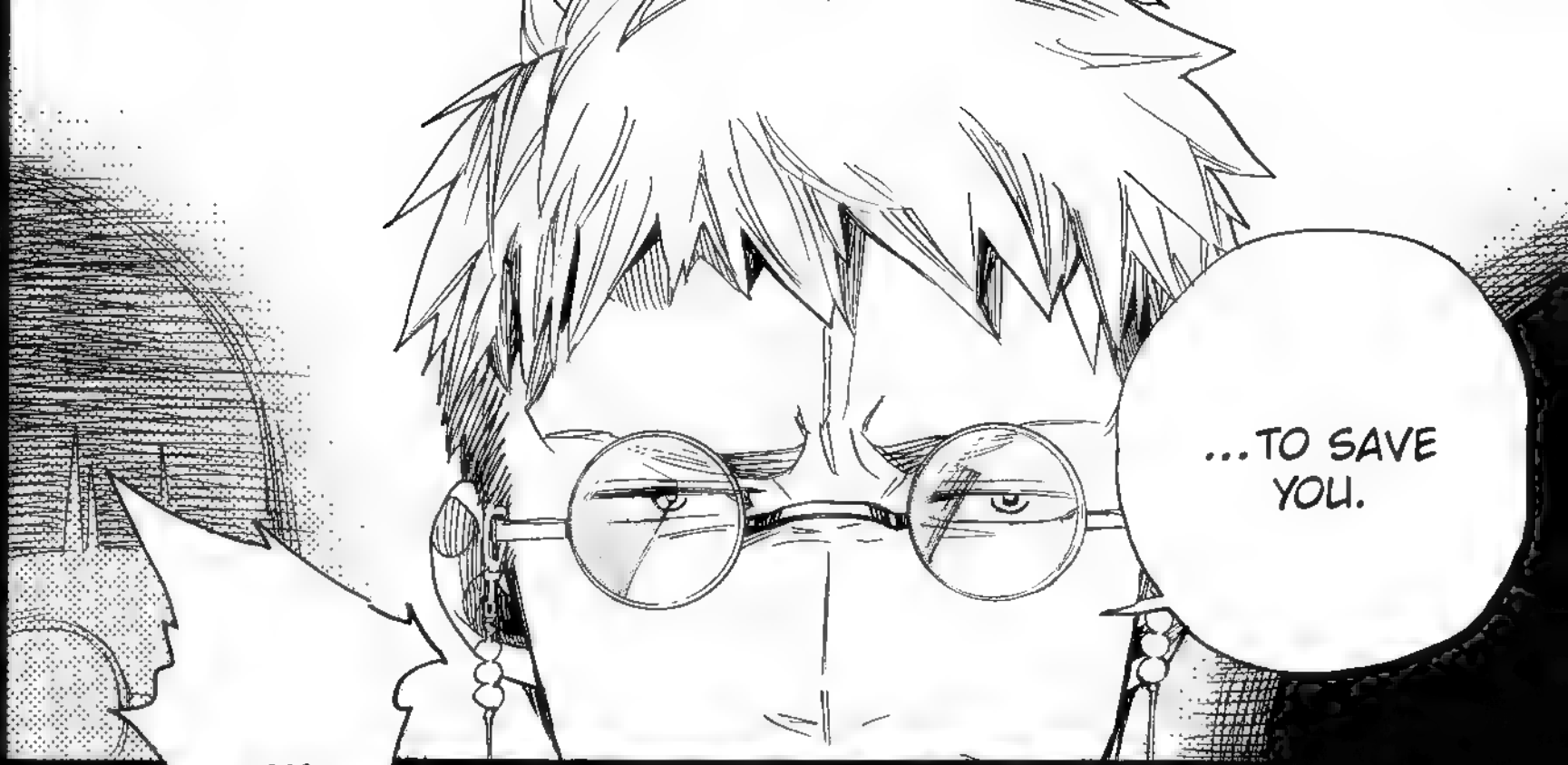
AFTER YOU  
GIVE BIRTH,  
WE'LL CUT  
THE UMBILICAL  
CORD AND WE  
CAN PROTECT  
YOU THEN...

...BUT THEY  
ARE GOING TO  
**EXORCISE**  
YOUR  
CHILDREN.

DO YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND?







...TO SAVE  
YOU.

...  
NNNGH  
!!!



HUU...

AAA  
...

AAGH  
!!!

ICE  
ICE  
ICE

ICE  
ICE  
ICE

ICE  
ICE  
ICE

NOW  
KEEP IT  
UP!!

GOOD!

YOU'RE  
DOING  
GOOD!

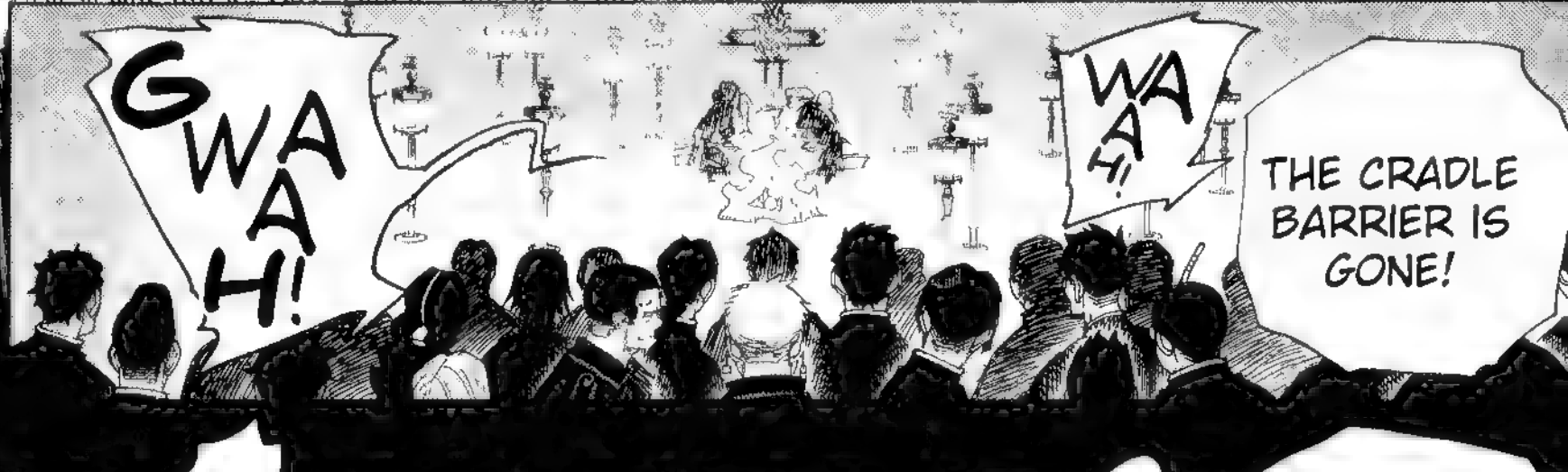


**ONE  
MORE  
TIME!!**













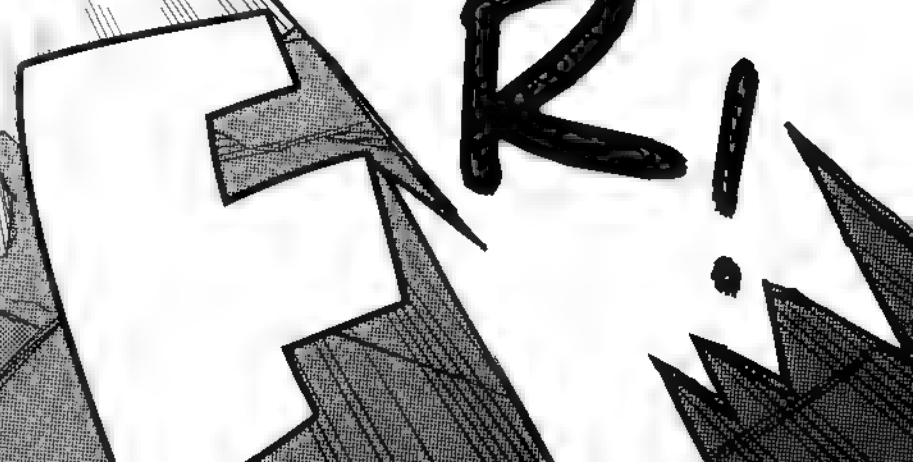


GR  
R  
R

BOO



GR  
A  
A  
R!





W...

WAAH!

GYAAAH!

BWPH

GR  
ARRR!

GR  
AAAAR!

RUN!

B  
O  
H







**FALL  
BACK!!**



THIS IS  
BAD...

HUFF  
HUFF

WHOA...





I WAS  
AFRAID  
OF THIS.



**I WAS  
TERRIFIED.**

**I WAS  
AFRAID OF  
LEARNING  
THIS.**

**I  
WANTED  
TO FACE  
IT, BUT...**

**I  
KNEW  
IT.**

**I DIDN'T  
WANT TO  
WAVER.**



*I NEVER  
SHOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
BORN.*





...HAD  
NEVER  
COME INTO  
THIS  
WORLD...



IF I...



IF I...

...DIDN'T  
EXIST...

...IF I'D  
NEVER  
BEEN  
BORN.

IT  
WOULD BE  
BETTER...

HEH HEH  
HEH...

HEH HEH  
HEH...





**FINALLY...**

**HEE  
HEE  
HEE!**

**MY  
TIME  
HAS  
COME!**

**AH  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!**

**BMP**

**HUH?**





HUH  
?!



MEPHISTO!

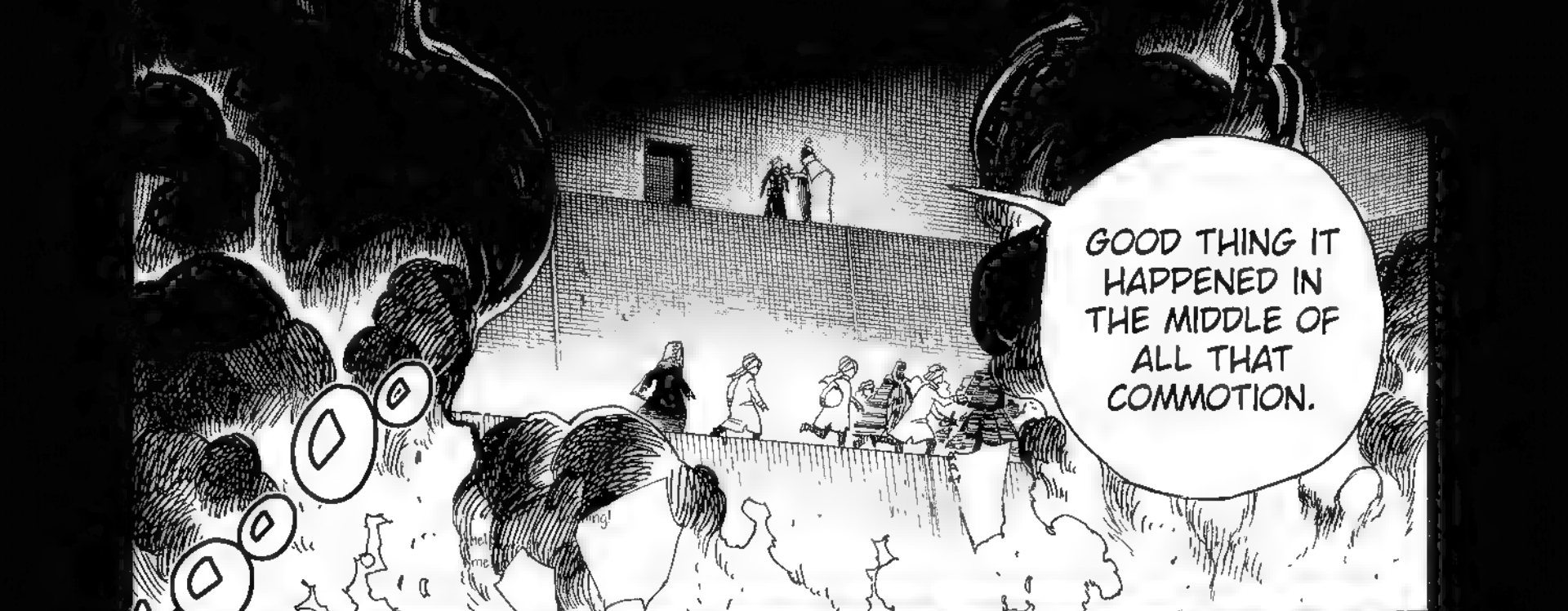
IF YOU CAN PRY  
OPEN THE OTHER-  
DIMENSIONAL  
SPACE I CREATED,  
THEN YOU REALLY  
**DO** HAVE THE  
HEART OF SATAN'S  
BASTARD CHILD.




YOU SURE  
ARE A LOT OF  
TROUBLE.

!!

UH...



GOOD THING IT  
HAPPENED IN  
THE MIDDLE OF  
ALL THAT  
COMMOTION.

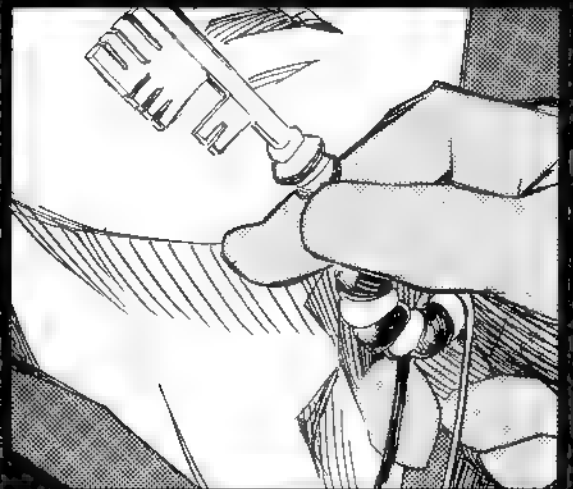


HOW-  
EVER... HA  
HA HA

...WHAT YOU HAVE  
ONLY VAGUELY  
FEARED UNTIL  
NOW HAS  
APPEARED  
BEFORE YOUR  
EYES.

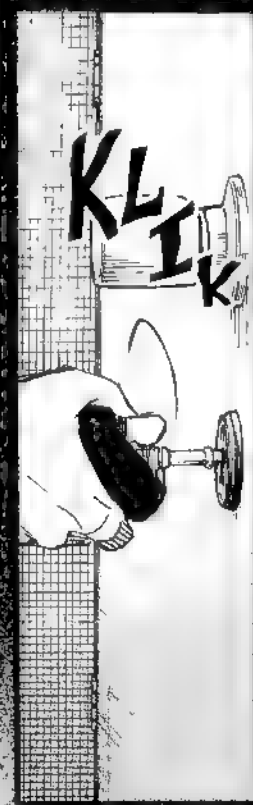
DOES IT  
FEEL AS IF A  
FOG HAS  
CLEARED?



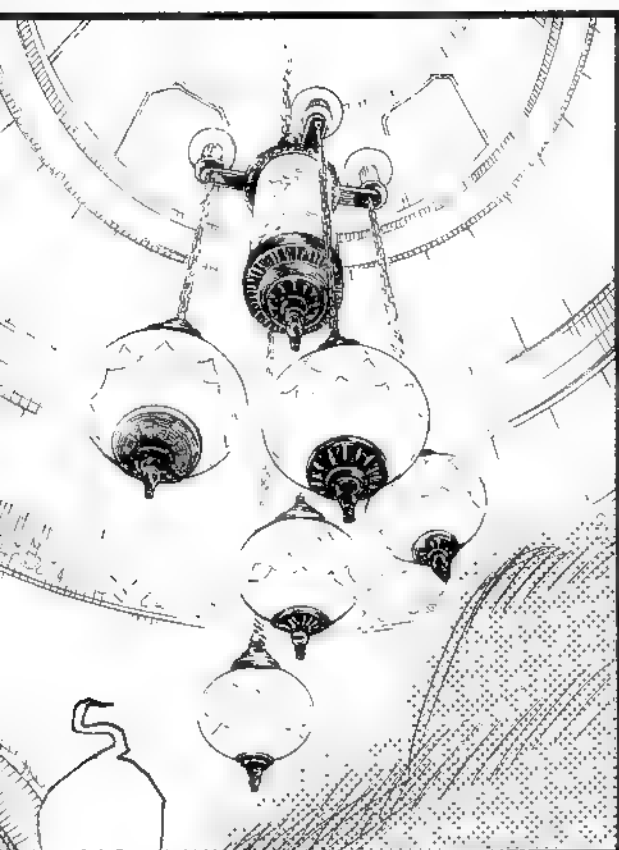




SO,  
GO...



...OFF TO A  
PLACE WHERE  
YOU CAN COOL  
YOUR HEAD.













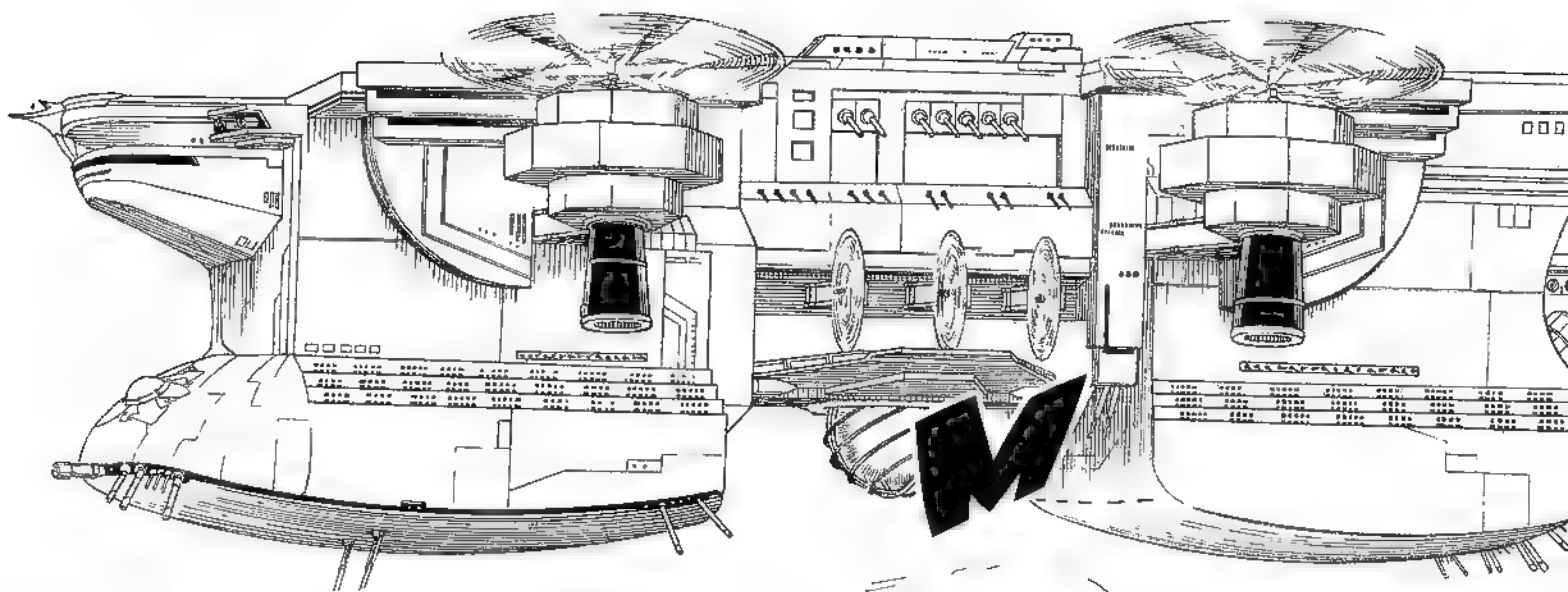


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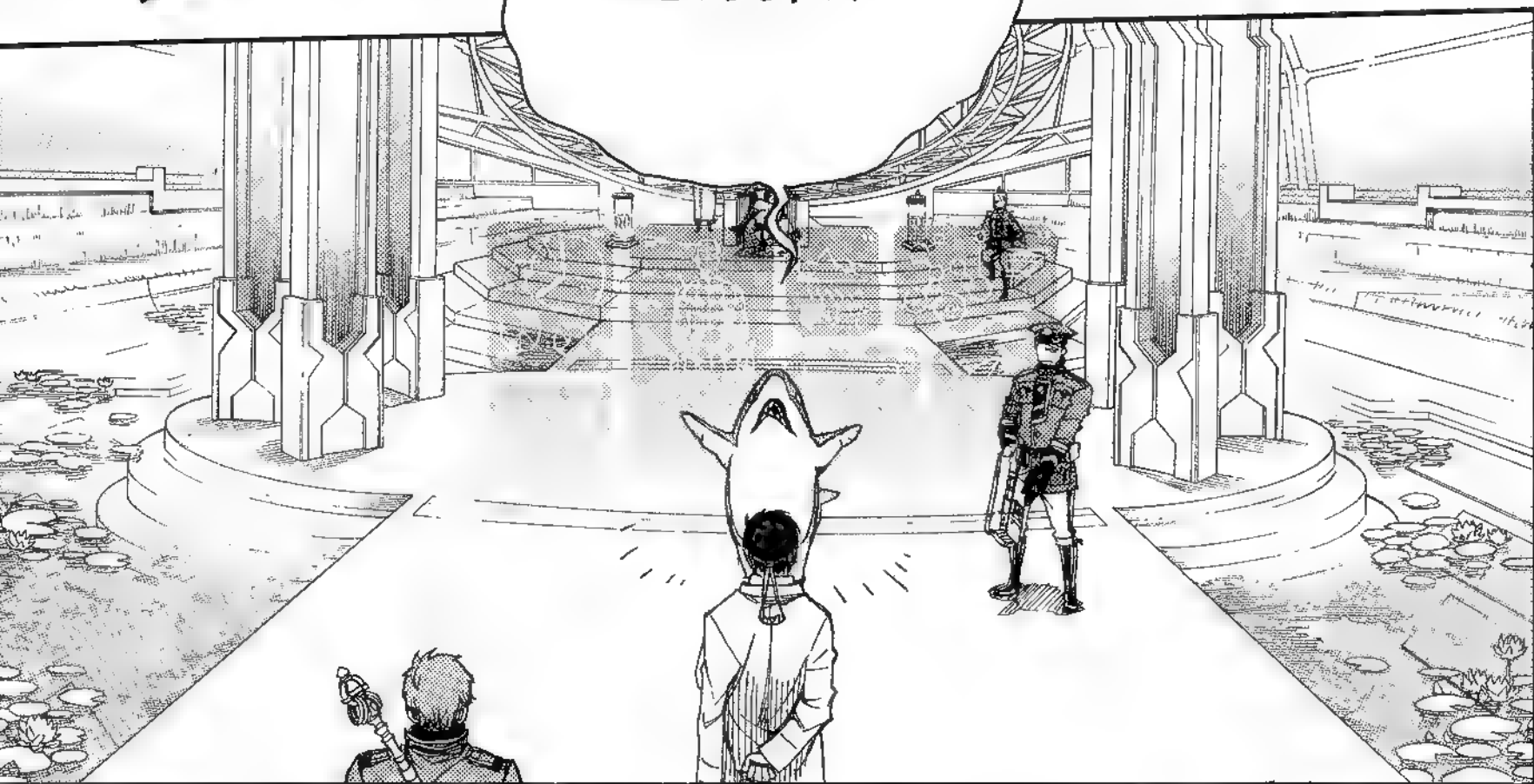


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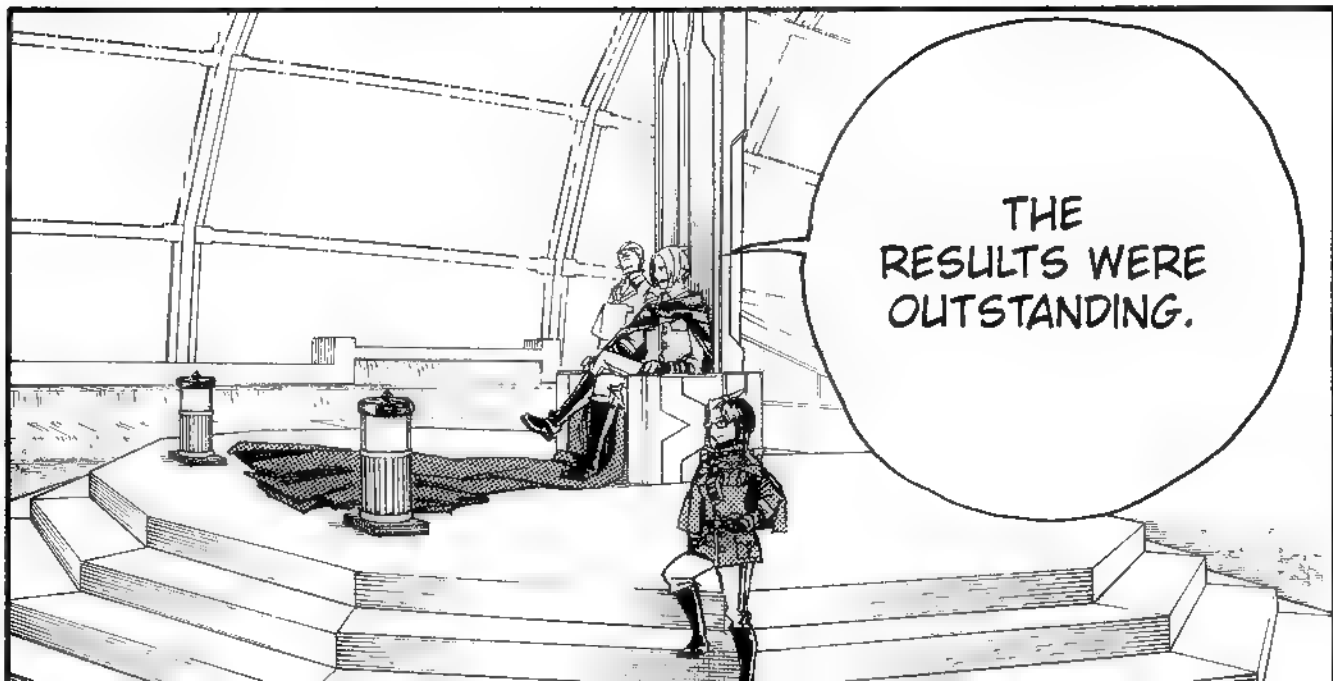
LM

WE HAVE  
YOUR TEST  
RESULTS!



LM

...WHAT IT  
BOILS DOWN  
TO IS...



THE  
RESULTS WERE  
OUTSTANDING.











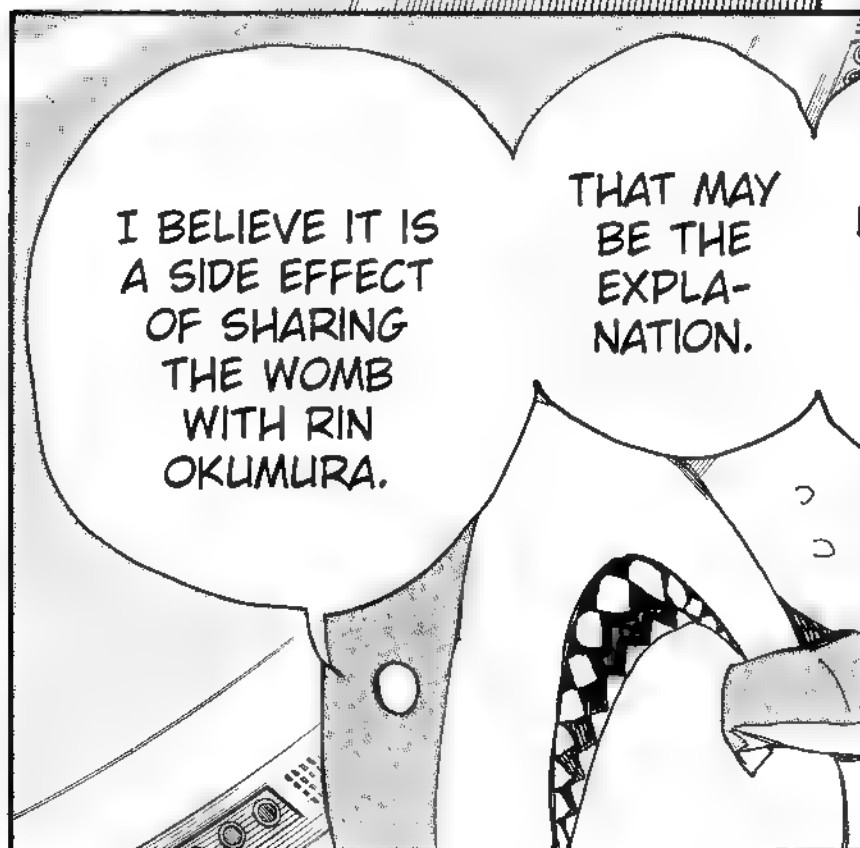
SO FATHER  
CAN ENTER  
YOUR LEFT  
EYE.

That was  
reckless!

I SUSPECT  
YOUR LEFT EYE  
IS A WINDOW  
FATHER USES  
FOR PEERING  
INTO ASSIAH.



YOU ARE  
ABNORMALLY  
RESISTANT TO  
BLUE FLAME.



I BELIEVE IT IS  
A SIDE EFFECT  
OF SHARING  
THE WOMB  
WITH RIN  
OKUMURA.

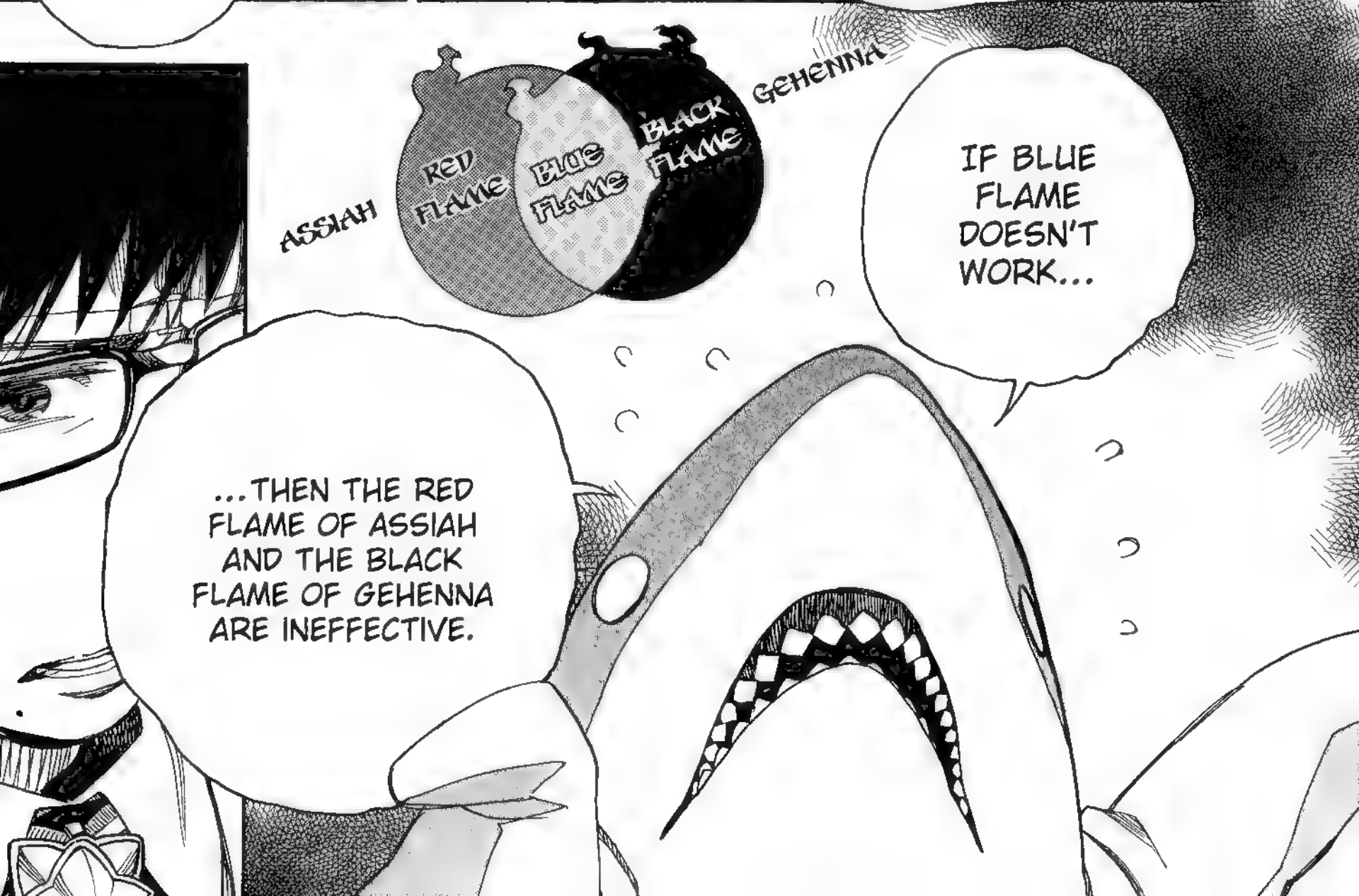
THAT MAY  
BE THE  
EXPLA-  
NATION.

YOUR LEFT  
EYE SHOWS  
SIGNS OF  
SEVERE  
TEMPTANT.

RESISTANCE  
TO BLUE  
FLAME?

AND WHY  
MY LEFT  
EYE?!









IN OTHER  
WORDS...

...MY  
BROTHER'S  
BLUE FLAME  
WON'T WORK!

GASP!

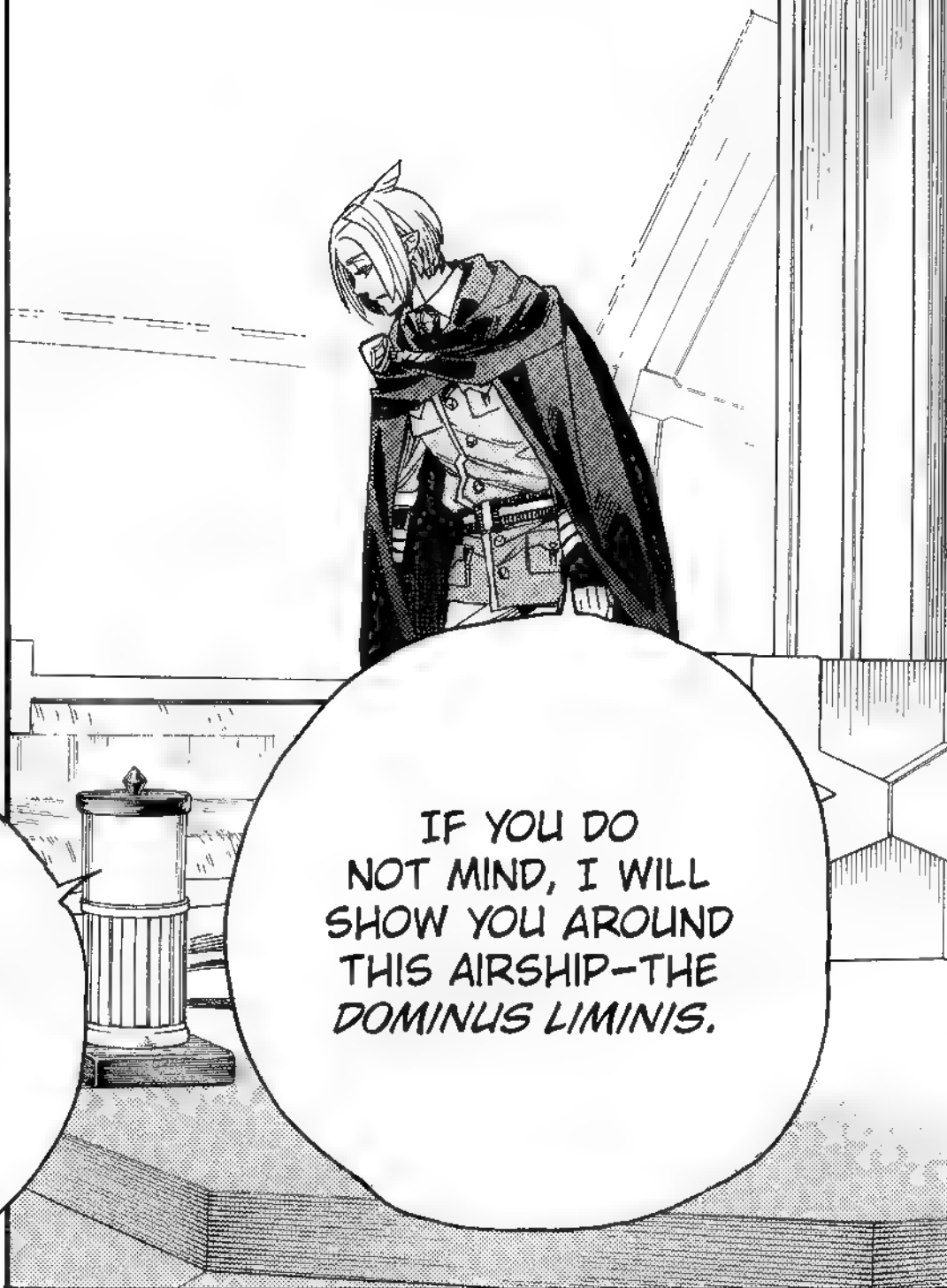
THIS ALONE  
MEANS IT WAS  
WORTH IT FOR  
ME TO COME  
HERE TO THE  
ILLUMINATI!

I AM GLAD  
YOU ARE  
PLEASED.

THANK YOU  
FOR TELLING  
ME!



I WANT TO GIVE  
YOU WHAT WAS  
PROMISED.



IF YOU DO  
NOT MIND, I WILL  
SHOW YOU AROUND  
THIS AIRSHIP—THE  
DOMINUS LIMINIS.



YES,  
SIR.

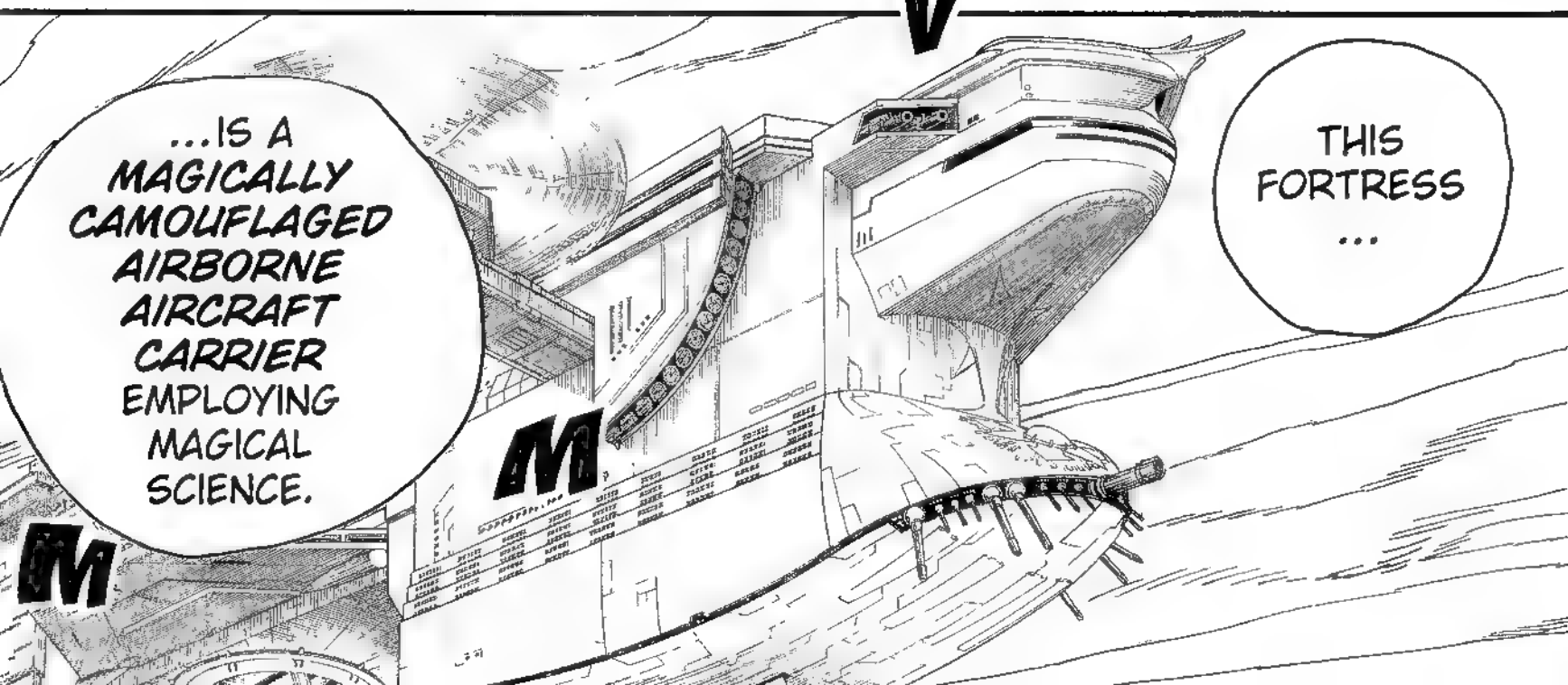


I JUST  
SWITCHED,  
SO I FEEL  
IN GOOD  
HEALTH.

I DO NOT  
MIND,  
HOMARE.



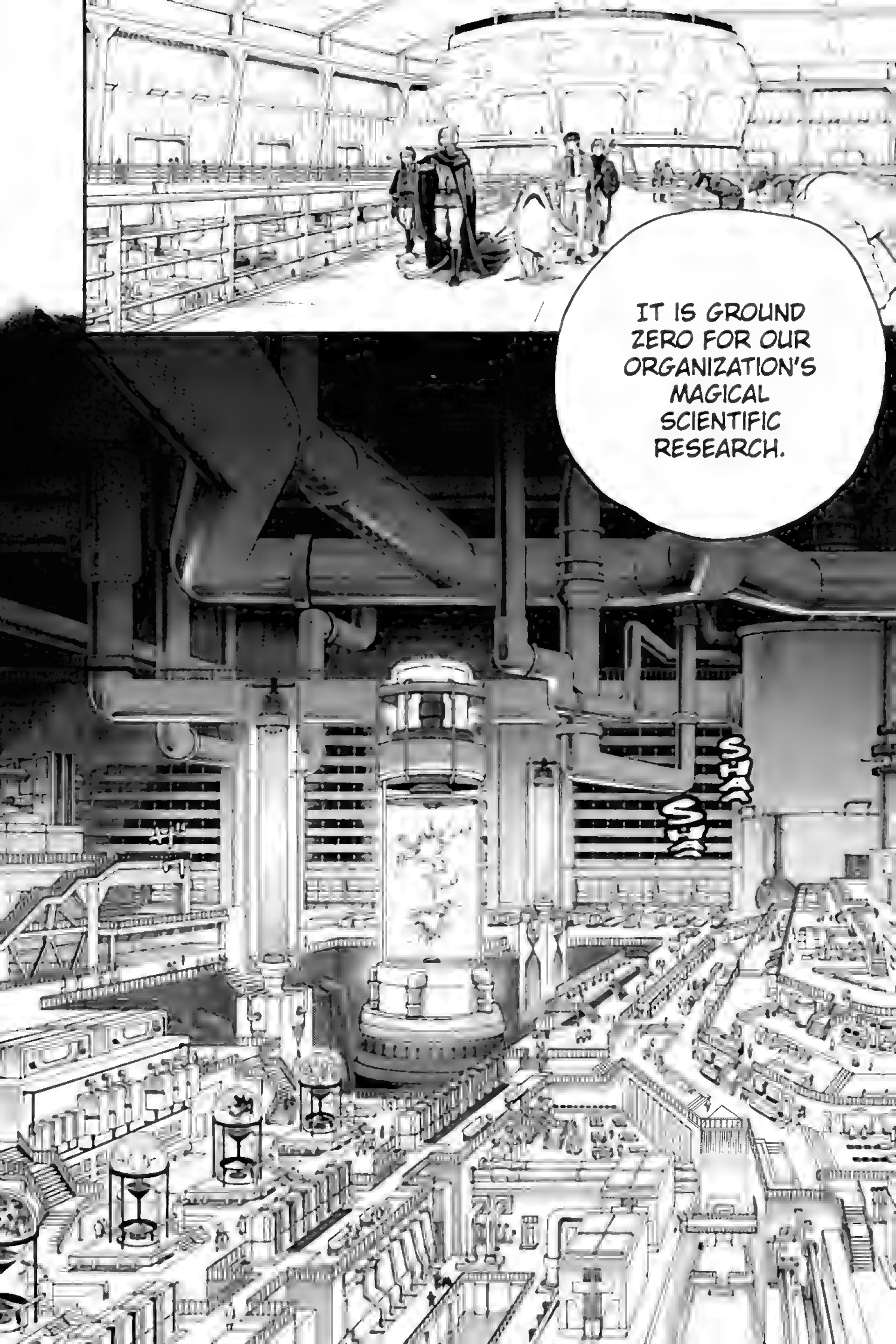
COMMANDER,  
YOU NEEDN'T  
DO THIS  
YOURSELF!



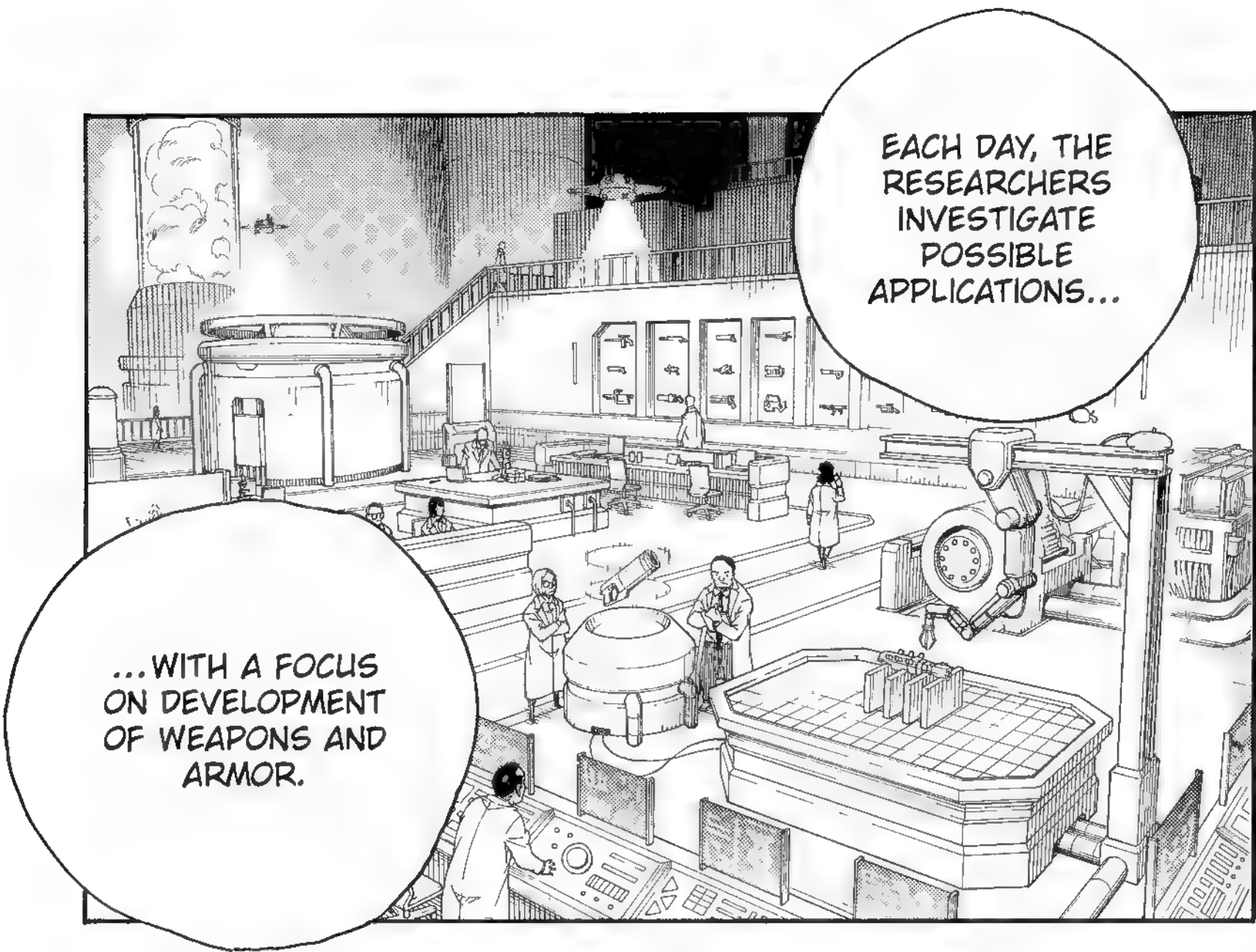
...IS A  
MAGICALLY  
CAMOUFLAGED  
AIRBORNE  
AIRCRAFT  
CARRIER  
EMPLOYING  
MAGICAL  
SCIENCE.

THIS  
FORTRESS  
...



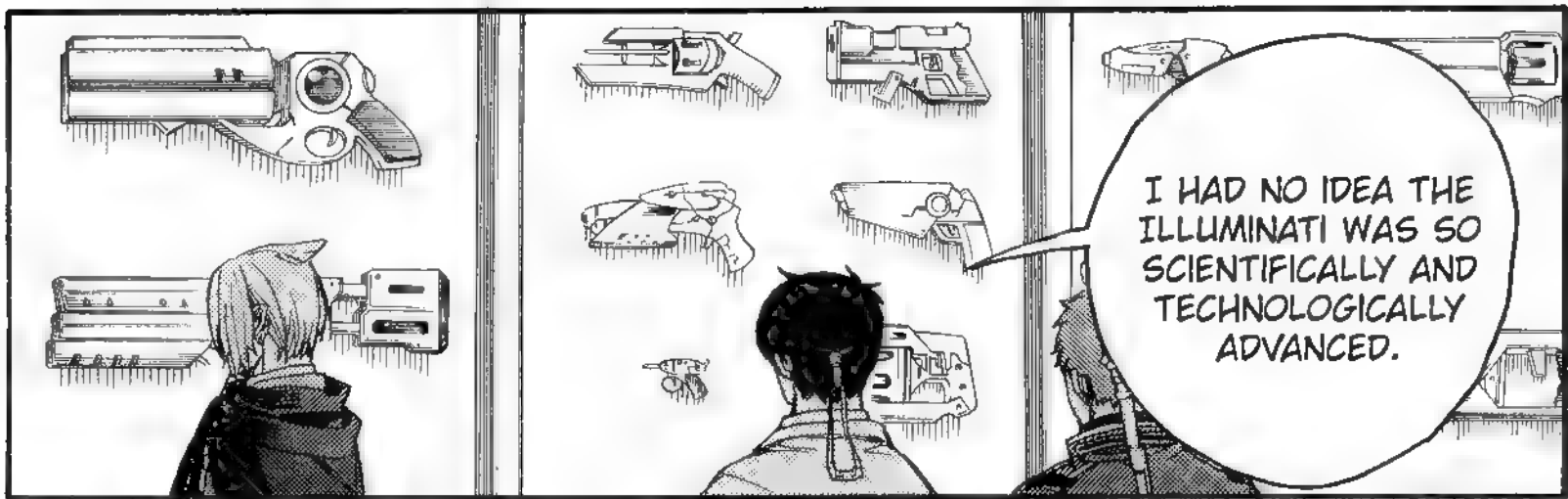


IT IS GROUND  
ZERO FOR OUR  
ORGANIZATION'S  
MAGICAL  
SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH.



EACH DAY, THE  
RESEARCHERS  
INVESTIGATE  
POSSIBLE  
APPLICATIONS...

...WITH A FOCUS  
ON DEVELOPMENT  
OF WEAPONS AND  
ARMOR.



I HAD NO IDEA THE  
ILLUMINATI WAS SO  
SCIENTIFICALLY AND  
TECHNOLOGICALLY  
ADVANCED.

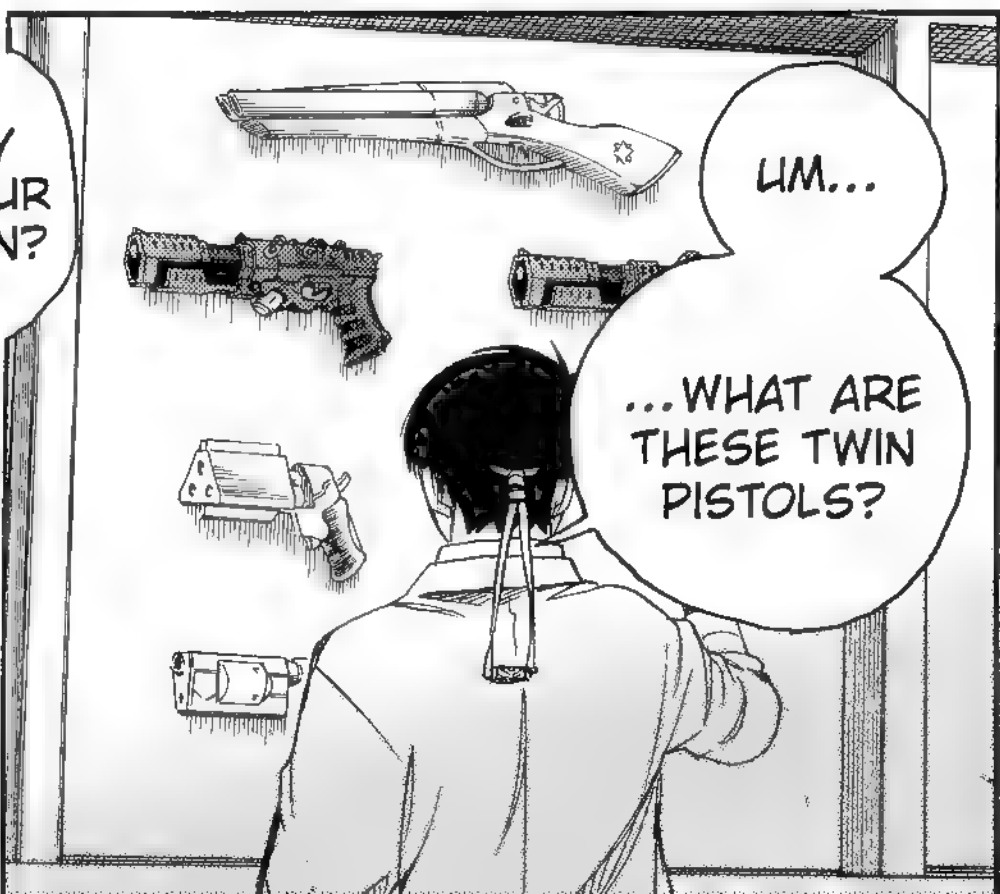


PERHAPS IT IS  
TRUE THAT  
TOOLS CRY  
OUT FOR  
MASTERS.

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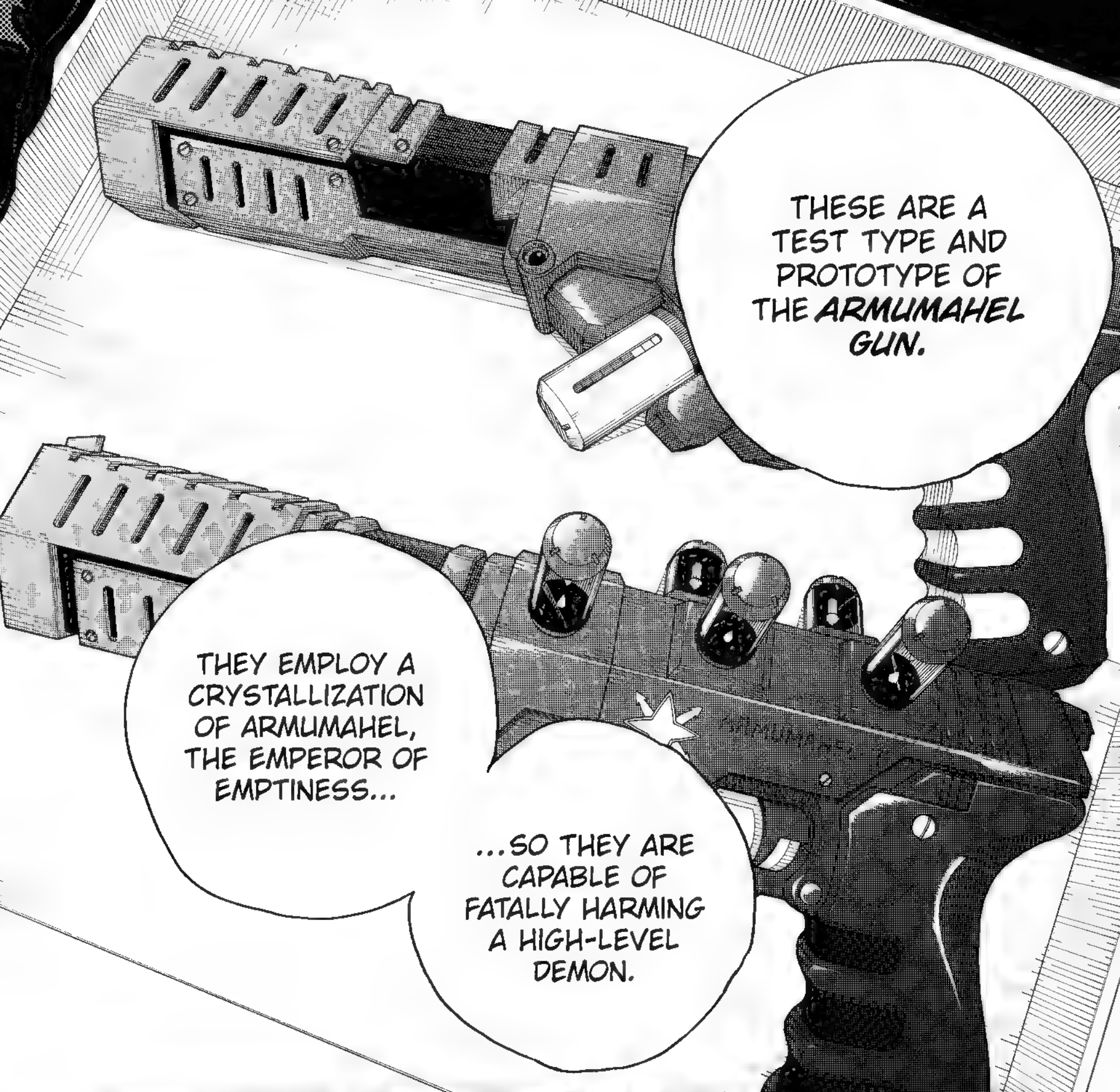
DID THEY  
CATCH YOUR  
ATTENTION?



UM...

...WHAT ARE  
THESE TWIN  
PISTOLS?





THESE ARE A  
TEST TYPE AND  
PROTOTYPE OF  
THE *ARMUMAH*EL  
GUN.

THEY EMPLOY A  
CRYSTALLIZATION  
OF *ARMUMAH*EL,  
THE EMPEROR OF  
EMPTYNESS...

...SO THEY ARE  
CAPABLE OF  
FATALLY HARMING  
A HIGH-LEVEL  
DEMON.




THAT'S  
WHAT THEY  
TELL YOU,  
BUT...



I BELIEVE  
THE OCCULT  
DEPARTMENT  
DEEP IN THE  
VATICAN  
PRODUCES IT.

I LEARNED  
THEY'RE  
BASED ON  
HOLY RELICS.

DO YOU KNOW HOW  
THE KNIGHTS OF THE  
TRUE CROSS MAKE  
THEIR HOLY SILVER  
AND HOLY WATER?



IT IS MADE BY  
EXTRACTING A  
SUBSTANCE  
EXCRETED FROM A  
CRYSTALLIZATION OF  
ARMUMAHIEL, THE  
EMPEROR OF  
EMPTINESS.

ARMUMAHIEL'S  
POWER HAS THE  
SAME QUALITIES AS  
THE BLACK FLAME  
WE CONSIDER TO BE  
THE FLAME OF  
GEHENNA.




THE BLACK  
FLAME  
NULLIFIES  
DEMONS AND  
HOLLOWS OUT  
HUMAN  
BEINGS.



SHIMA'S  
FAMILIAR,  
YAMANTAKA,  
IS KIN OF  
ARMUMAHIEL.






...BUT IF A  
HUMAN BEING  
USES THEM FOR  
A LONG TIME, IT  
CAUSES MEMORY  
DISORDER...

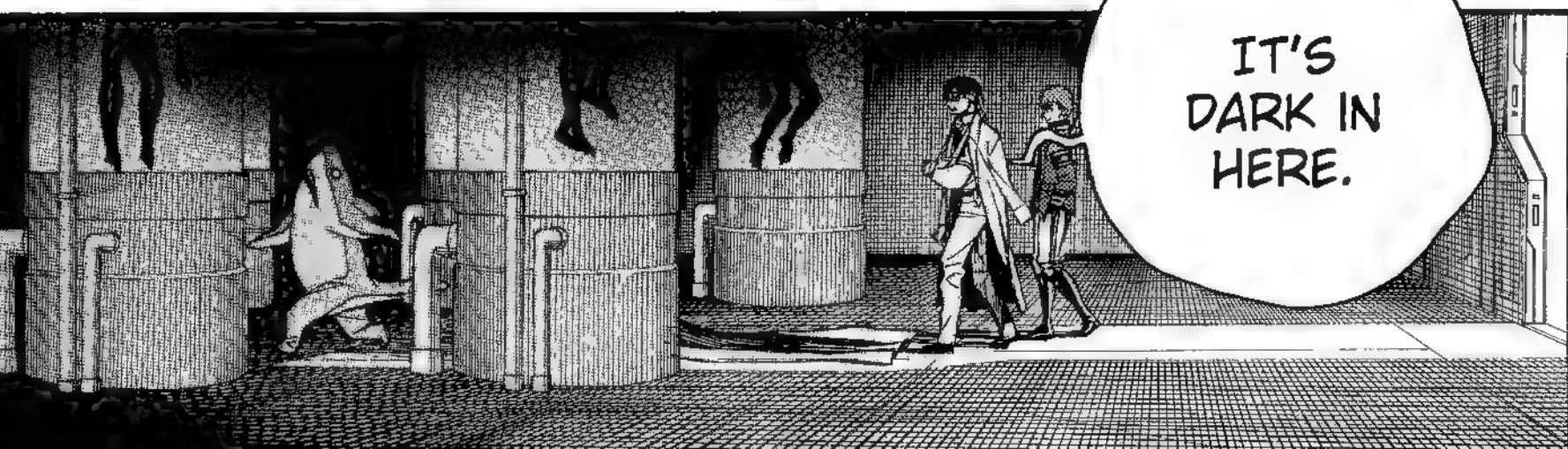
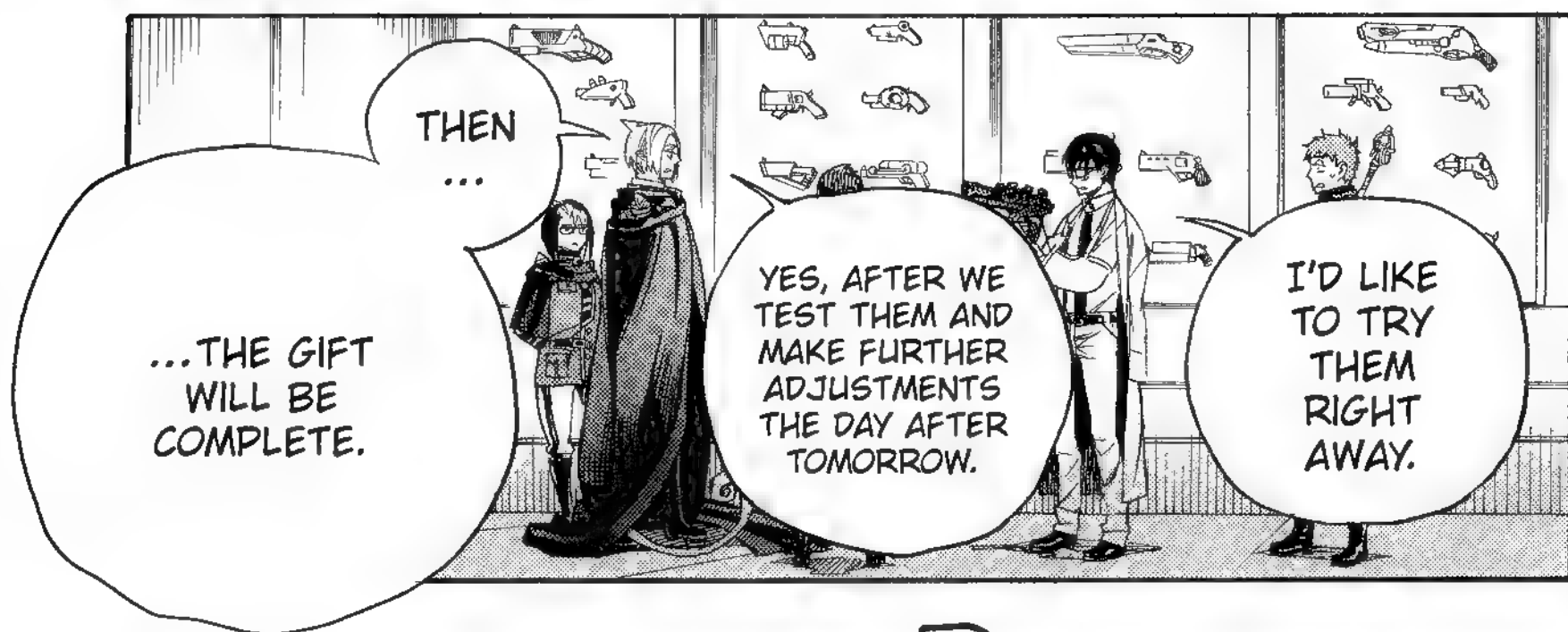
...SO WE NEVER  
MASS-PRODUCED A  
FINAL PRODUCT.

THOSE GUNS  
USE THE  
CRYSTAL'S  
GEMS FOR AN  
INCREDIBLY  
STRONG WEAPON  
OF EXORCISM...



HOWEVER, YOU  
CAN USE THEM  
BECAUSE THE  
BLACK FLAME  
HAS NO EFFECT  
ON YOU.

SO I GIVE  
THEM TO  
YOU.










...AND  
SUCCESSFULLY  
CREATED  
PERFECT  
CLONES.

WE COMPLETED  
THE RESEARCH  
BEGUN AT  
SECTION 13...

G  
L  
U  
B



YOU  
EVEN HAVE  
REGENERATIVE  
MEDICINE!

SO WHAT  
WILL YOU  
DO...

IF I  
OVERBURDEN MY  
BODY, THE FLESH  
DETERIORATES.  
WITHOUT THE  
ELIXIRS, I  
WOULDN'T  
LAST A DAY.

THANKS TO  
THESE CLONES,  
HOWEVER, I  
HAVE *REPLACE-  
MENTS*.







YOU...

...NEED **BOTH**  
ARMS TO BEAR  
ARMUMAHHEL'S  
GUNS.









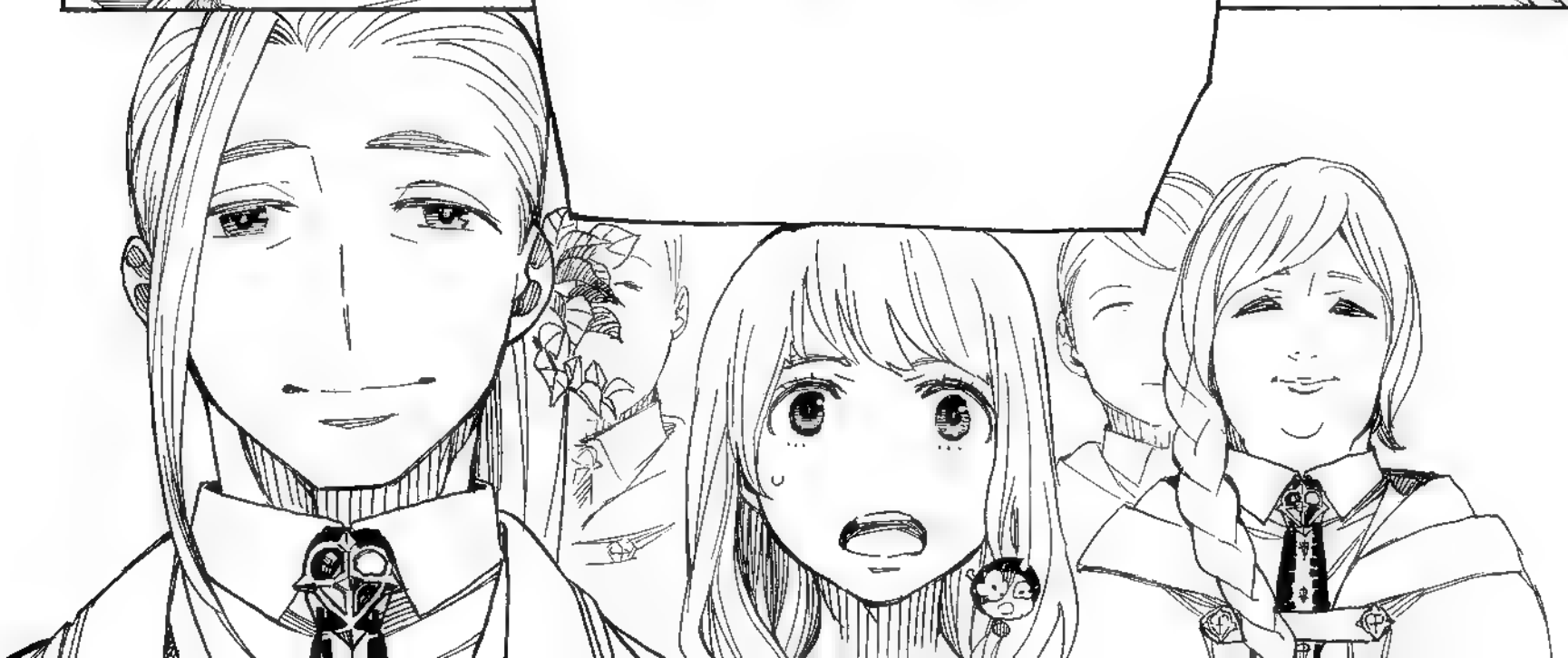


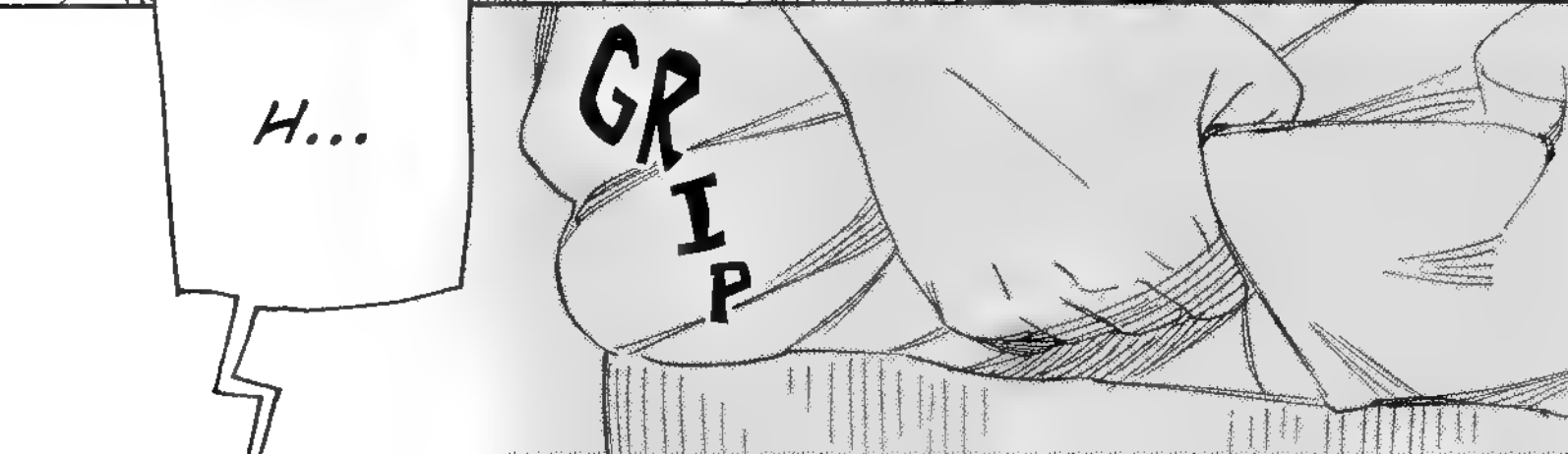
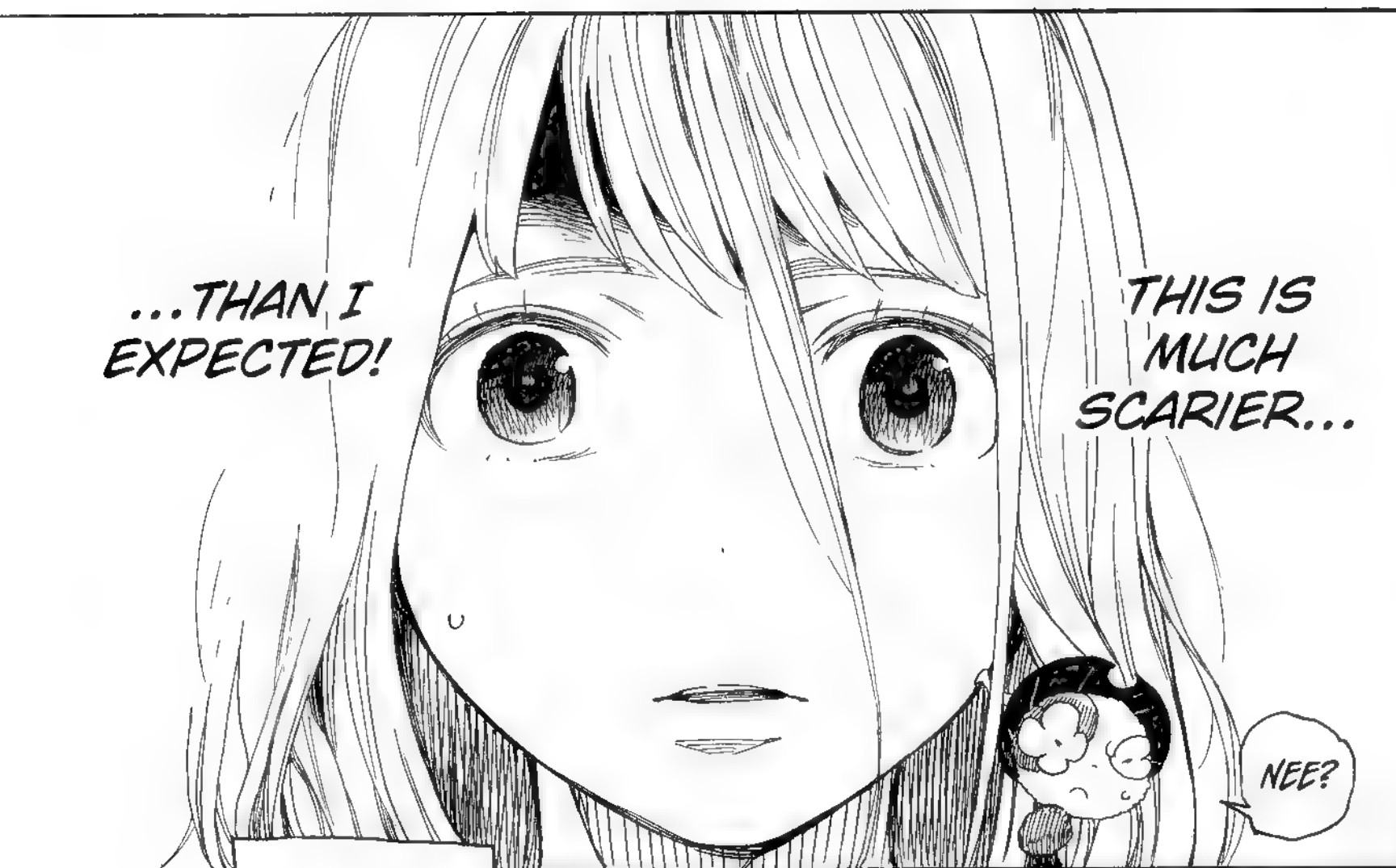
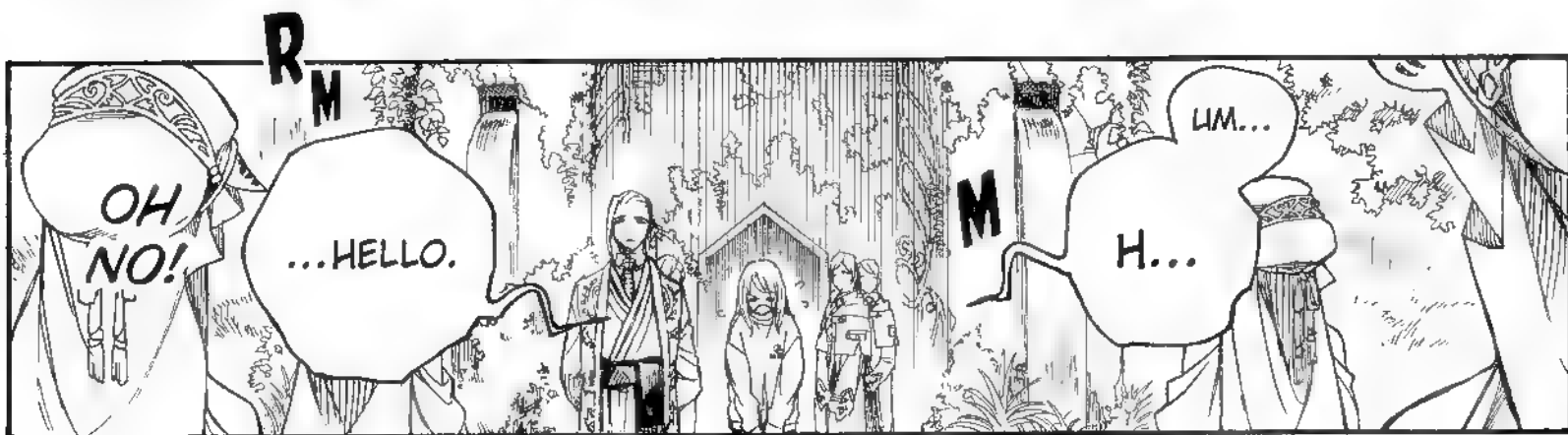


SURELY  
SHIEMI...



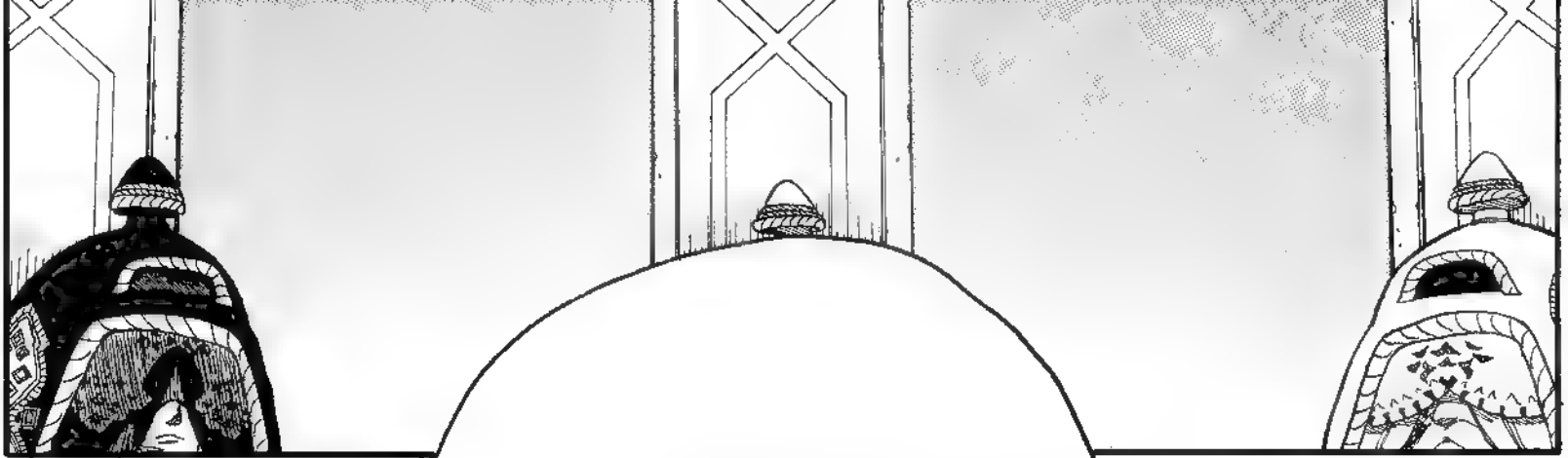
...ISN'T  
CONNECTED  
TO THE  
GRIGORI!!









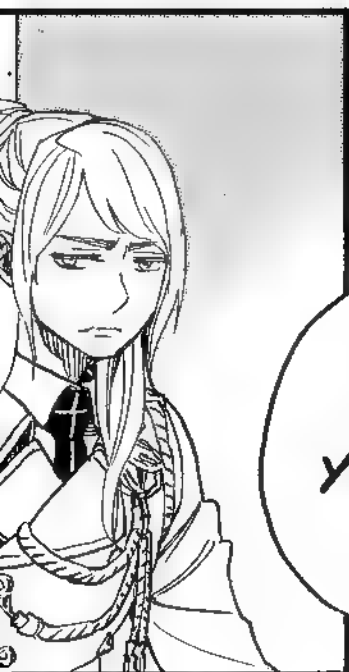


...EXPLAIN  
YOUR ATTACK  
ON DRAC  
DRAGULESCU.



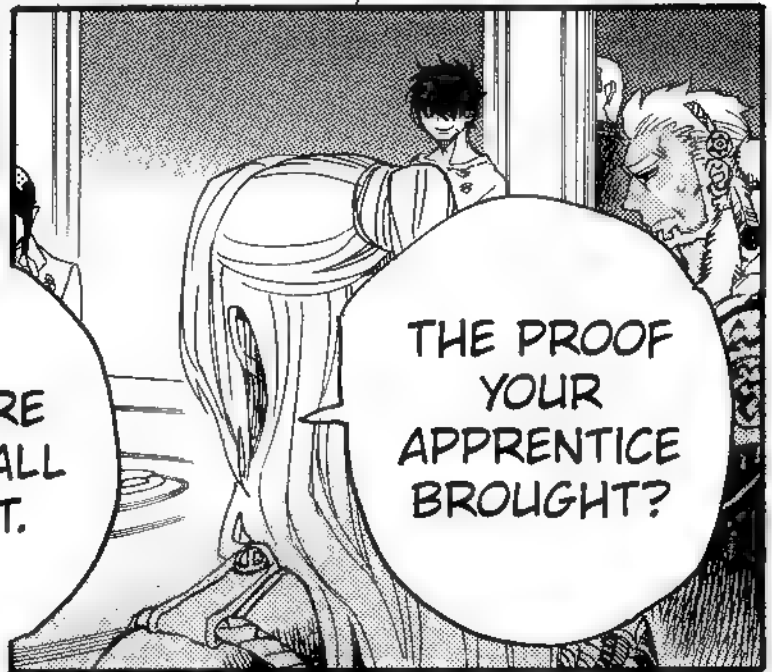
...AND  
I'VE GOT  
PROOF!

WELL,  
HE'S AN  
ILLUMINATI  
DOG...



INCLUDING  
YOU, RIGHT?

I'M SURE  
YOU'VE ALL  
READ IT.



THE PROOF  
YOUR  
APPRENTICE  
BROUGHT?



I RECOGNIZE  
THE FACTS  
REGARDING  
SECTION 13.

?!

INCLUDING  
WHAT YOU  
YOURSELF  
ATTEST.

I FIND THE  
CONTENTS  
DIFFICULT TO  
BELIEVE.

YEAH, THAT'S  
WHAT I'D  
*EXPECT*  
FROM YOU.

WITHIN THE  
FACILITY, HE  
CALLED HIMSELF  
*NICOLAE  
EMINESCU.*

...

IT IS A FACT  
THAT DIRECTOR  
DRAGULESCU  
WAS LEADING THE  
RESEARCH INTO  
CLONES.

...IT IS  
*IMPOSSIBLE.*

HOW-  
EVER...

ACTUALLY, IT  
ALL FINALLY  
MAKES SENSE.

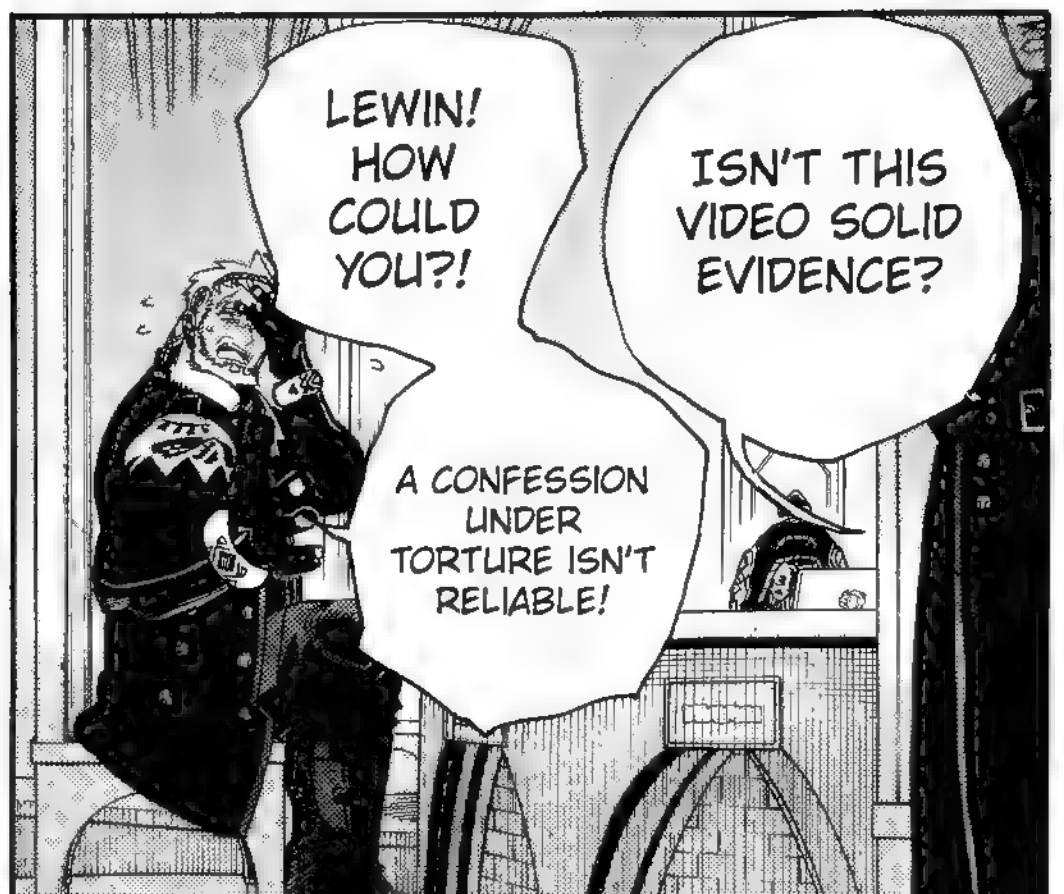
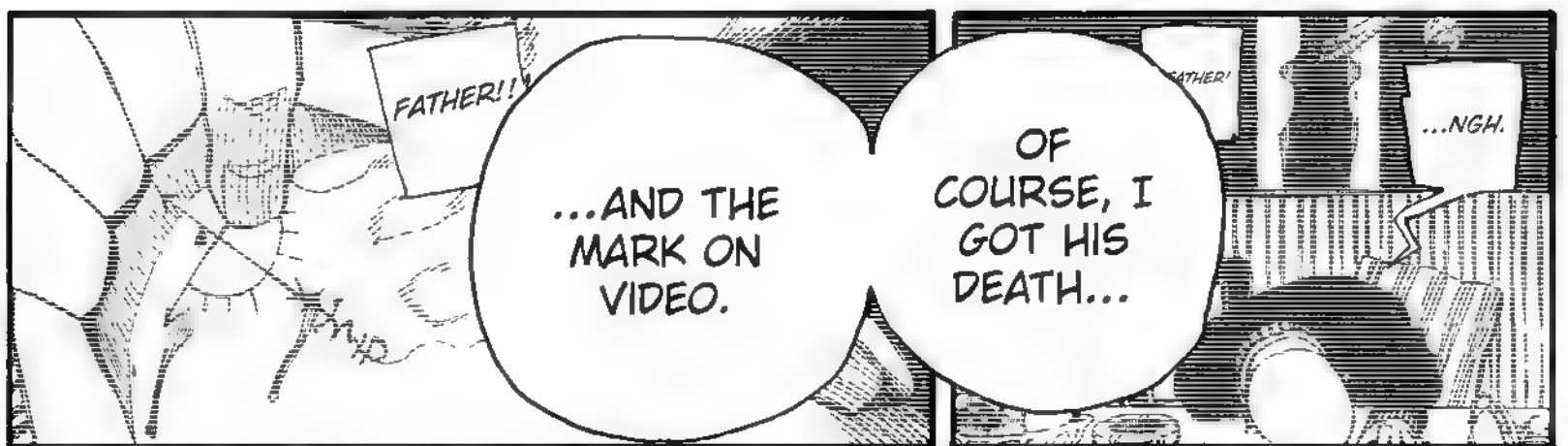
RIDICULOUS!

THIS IS  
DEMONIC  
NONSENSE!

...









JUST  
BEFORE  
THE BLUE  
NIGHT...

...DOCTOR EMINESCU  
WAS UNRAVELING  
THE MYSTERY OF A  
SYSTEM FOR  
CELLULAR  
REGENERATION OF  
SO-005, A BODY  
FOR POSSESSION  
BY SATAN.

IF SECTION 13  
HADN'T CLOSED  
AND ITS  
RESEARCH HAD  
INDEED  
CONTINUED...

I'M SURE HE  
WANTED TO  
CONTINUE  
THE  
RESEARCH.

...THE DOCTOR  
WOULD CERTAINLY  
HAVE PERFECTED  
THE CLONING  
TECHNOLOGY!

THE DOCTOR  
PROBABLY  
PERFECTED  
THE CLONING  
TECH JUST  
IN TIME...

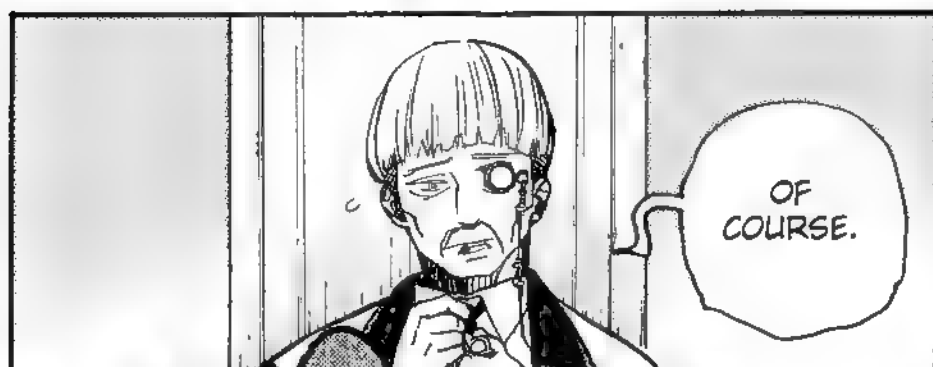
...SO I SUSPECT  
HE AVOIDED THE  
CONTRACT...BY  
REPLACING  
HIMSELF FROM  
THE NECK DOWN!





THE PROOF  
IS IN HIS  
NECK.

SO LET'S  
HAVE A  
LOOK, EH?



OF  
COURSE.



DOCTOR,  
WOULD YOU  
PLEASE SHOW  
US YOUR  
NECK?









LIGHTNING...

YOU  
GOTTA  
LISTEN!!

A PHANTASMA  
COULD BE IN  
HERE SHOWING  
US ALL AN  
ILLUSION!!

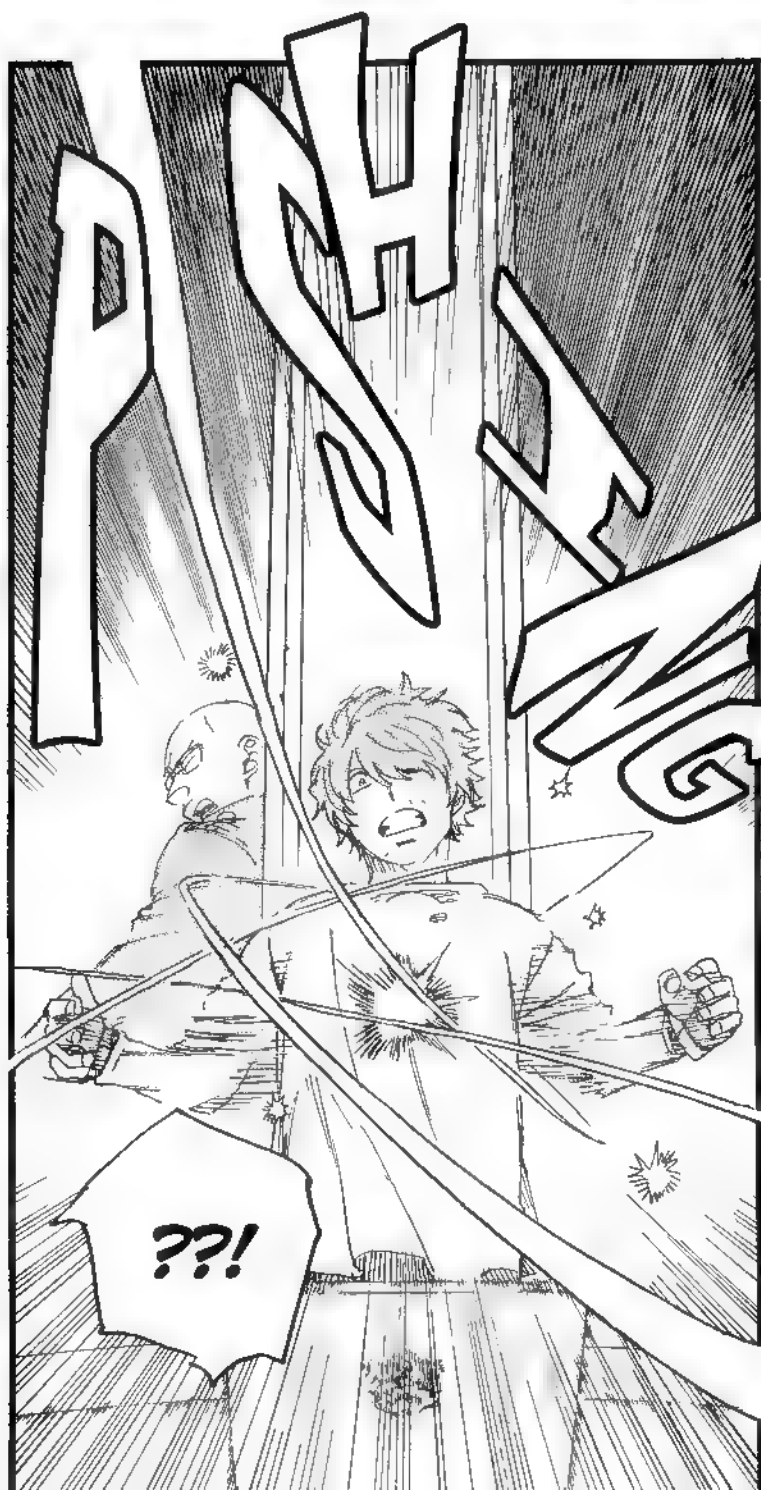
SOMEONE  
CHECK OUT  
THE LIGHT  
OVERHEAD!!



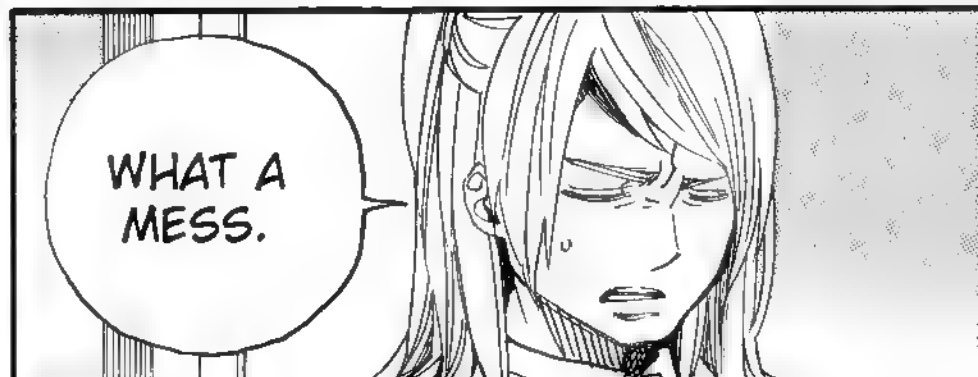
A  
PHANTASMA...  
KIN OF LIGHT...

MUTTER  
THE  
LIGHT...

MUTTER



??!



WHAT A  
MESS.



NOT  
HAPPENIN'!

S  
N  
A  
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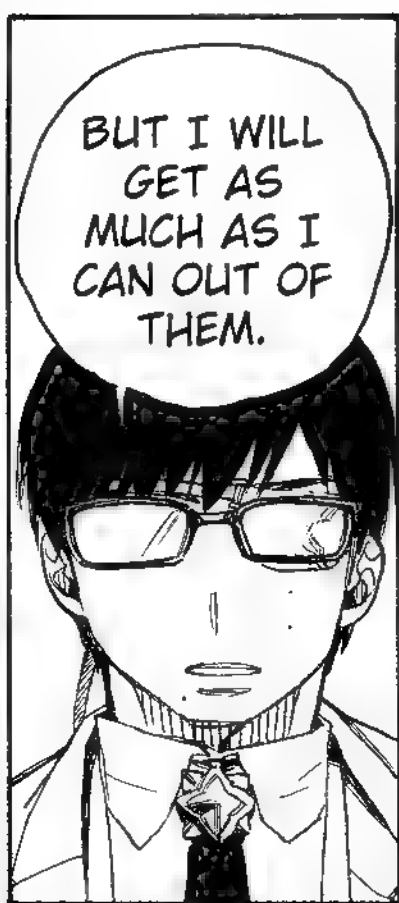


WE WILL  
DELIBERATE.

LEWIN LIGHT  
WILL NOW  
LEAVE THE  
COURT.

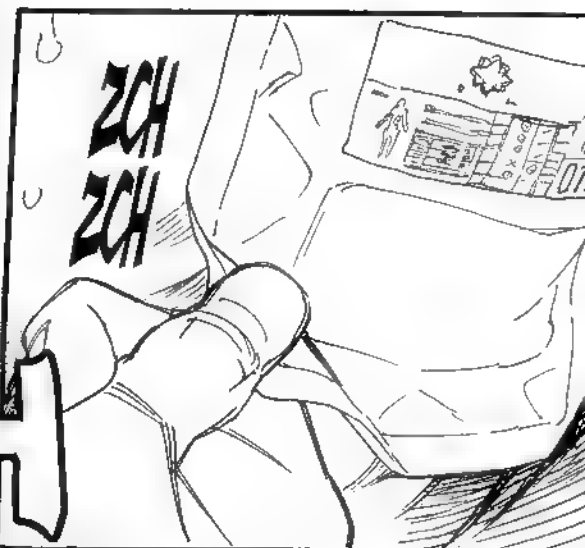
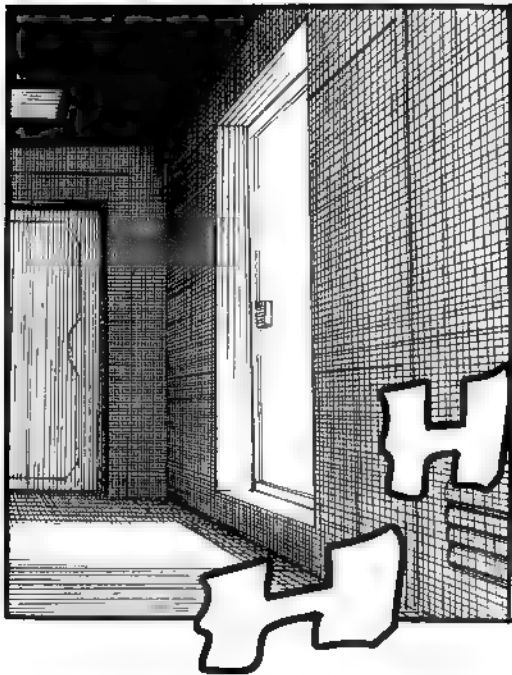














HEH...


HA HA  
HA...







# CHAPTER 111: SSC40:00B



IT DOESN'T  
FEEL WEIRD  
OR ANYTHING?



WHAT  
AM I  
DOING  
TODAY?

YOU NEVER  
KNOW! MAYBE  
IT'LL GROW  
EYES AND A  
TALKING  
MOUTH OR  
SOMETHING!




REALLY?

NO.



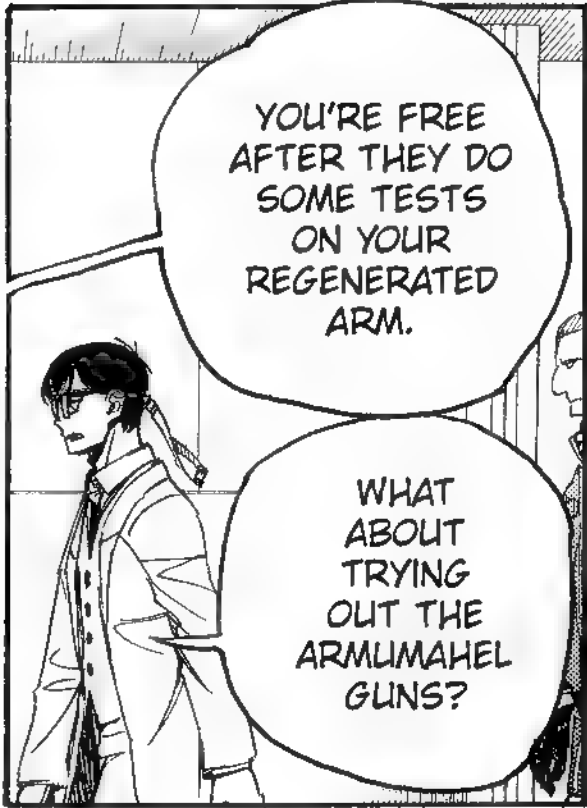
AND THE  
COMMANDER  
WANTS TO  
SEE YOU  
TODAY.

HE'S  
HEALTHY  
AND IN FINE  
SPIRITS.



...SO THE  
ENTIRE LAB  
IS CLOSED.

THEY JUST  
SCHEDULED  
AN IMPORTANT  
EXPERIMENT...



YOU'RE FREE  
AFTER THEY DO  
SOME TESTS  
ON YOUR  
REGENERATED  
ARM.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
TRYING  
OUT THE  
ARMUMAHHEL  
GUNS?







AND  
SINCE  
THEN...

...SO THEY  
DIDN'T  
SUCCEED  
UNTIL A  
MONTH AGO.

BUT MAKING  
BODIES FOR  
POSSESSION  
BY DEMONS IS  
DIFFICULT...



...HE HAS CHANGED  
HIS BODY FROM  
THE NECK DOWN AT  
LEAST THREE  
TIMES!!

IT'S LIKE  
A HORROR  
MOVIE!

HE CAN  
REPLACE  
HIS HEAD!







EVEN  
WORSE...

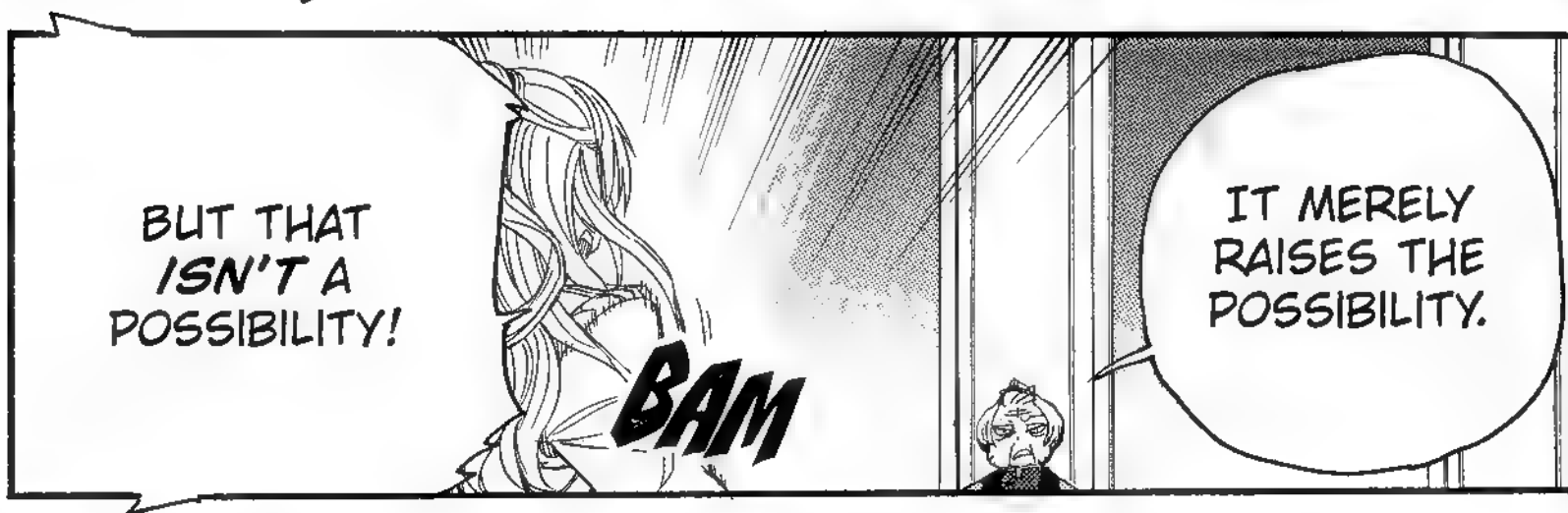
...IT  
SUGGESTS  
THAT I...



THIS IS  
ABSURD!  
JUDGING  
FROM THAT  
FARCE JUST  
NOW...

...  
LIGHTNING  
HAS LOST  
HIS WITS!

AND THIS  
REPORT HE  
PREPARED IS  
PROOF!



BUT THAT  
*ISN'T* A  
POSSIBILITY!

IT MERELY  
RAISES THE  
POSSIBILITY.



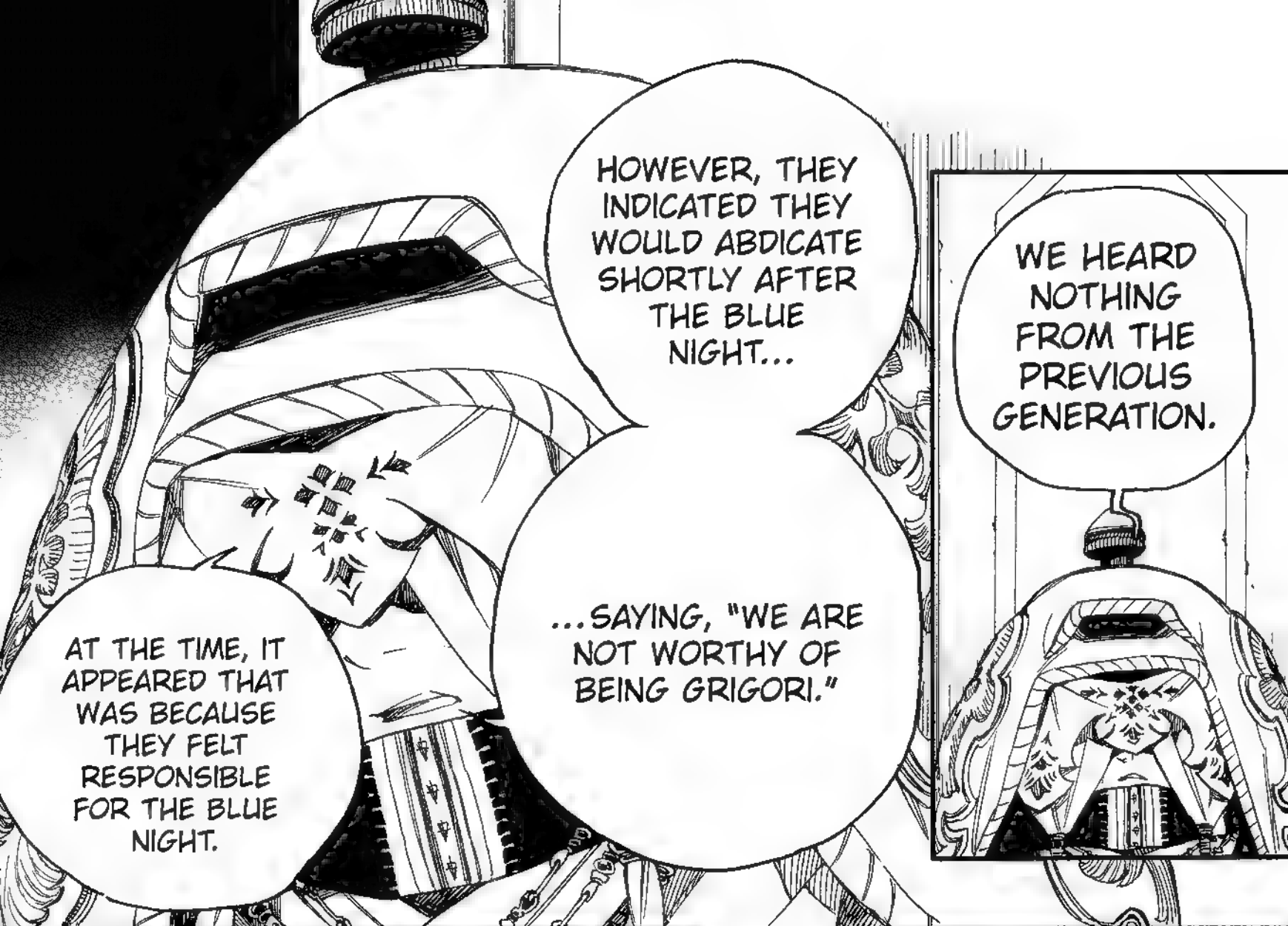
DO THE  
GRIGORI  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT THIS?



THAT IS  
BESIDE THE  
POINT.

I'M  
ADDRESSING  
THE  
CREDIBILITY  
OF THAT  
ACCUSATION!

SHOULDN'T  
WE DISCUSS  
WHETHER  
DR. DRAGULESCU  
IS A TRAITOR?



HOWEVER, THEY  
INDICATED THEY  
WOULD ABDICATE  
SHORTLY AFTER  
THE BLUE  
NIGHT...

WE HEARD  
NOTHING  
FROM THE  
PREVIOUS  
GENERATION.

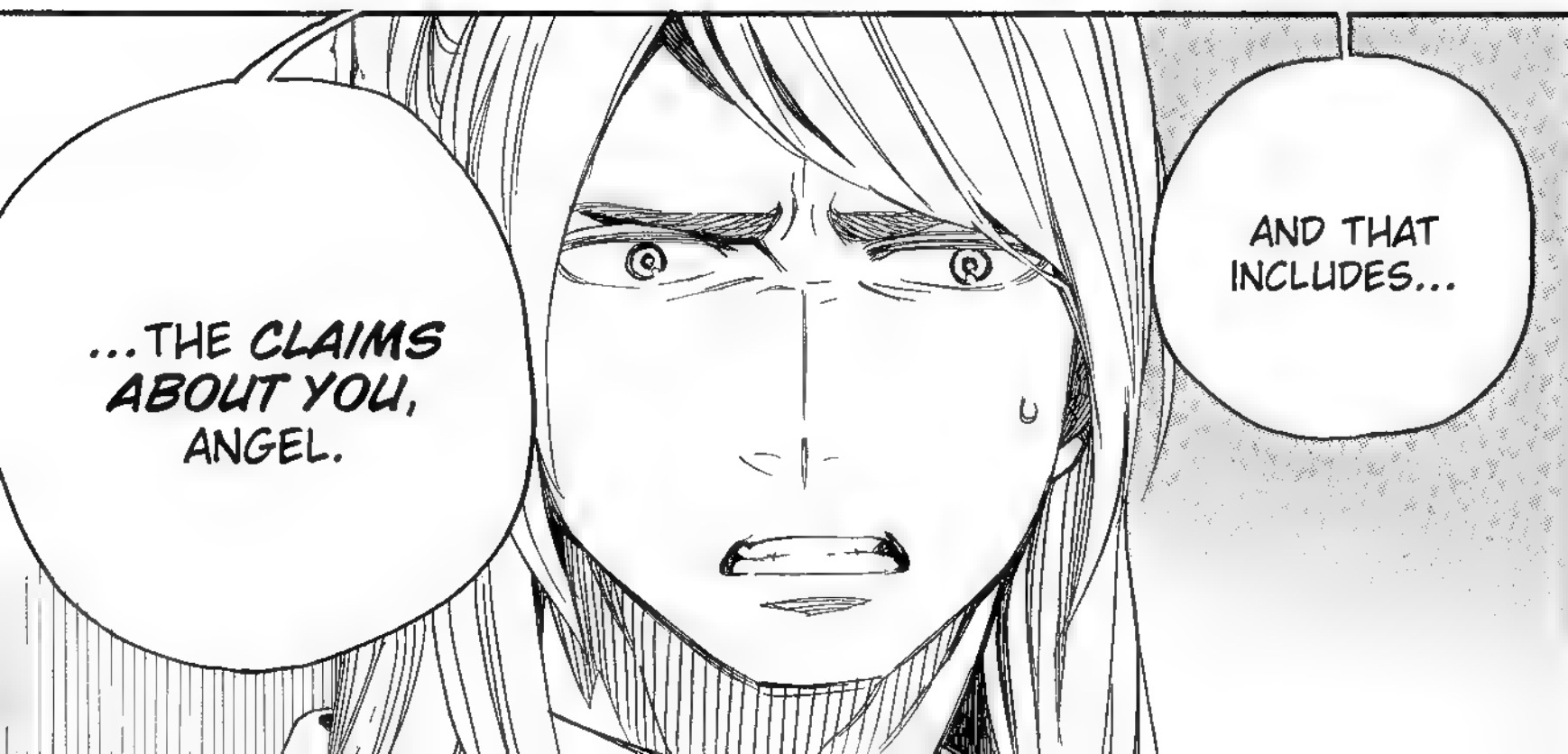
AT THE TIME, IT  
APPEARED THAT  
WAS BECAUSE  
THEY FELT  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE BLUE  
NIGHT.

...SAYING, "WE ARE  
NOT WORTHY OF  
BEING GRIGORI."



...AND I VOUCH  
FOR THE  
CREDIBILITY OF  
LIGHTNING'S  
REPORT.

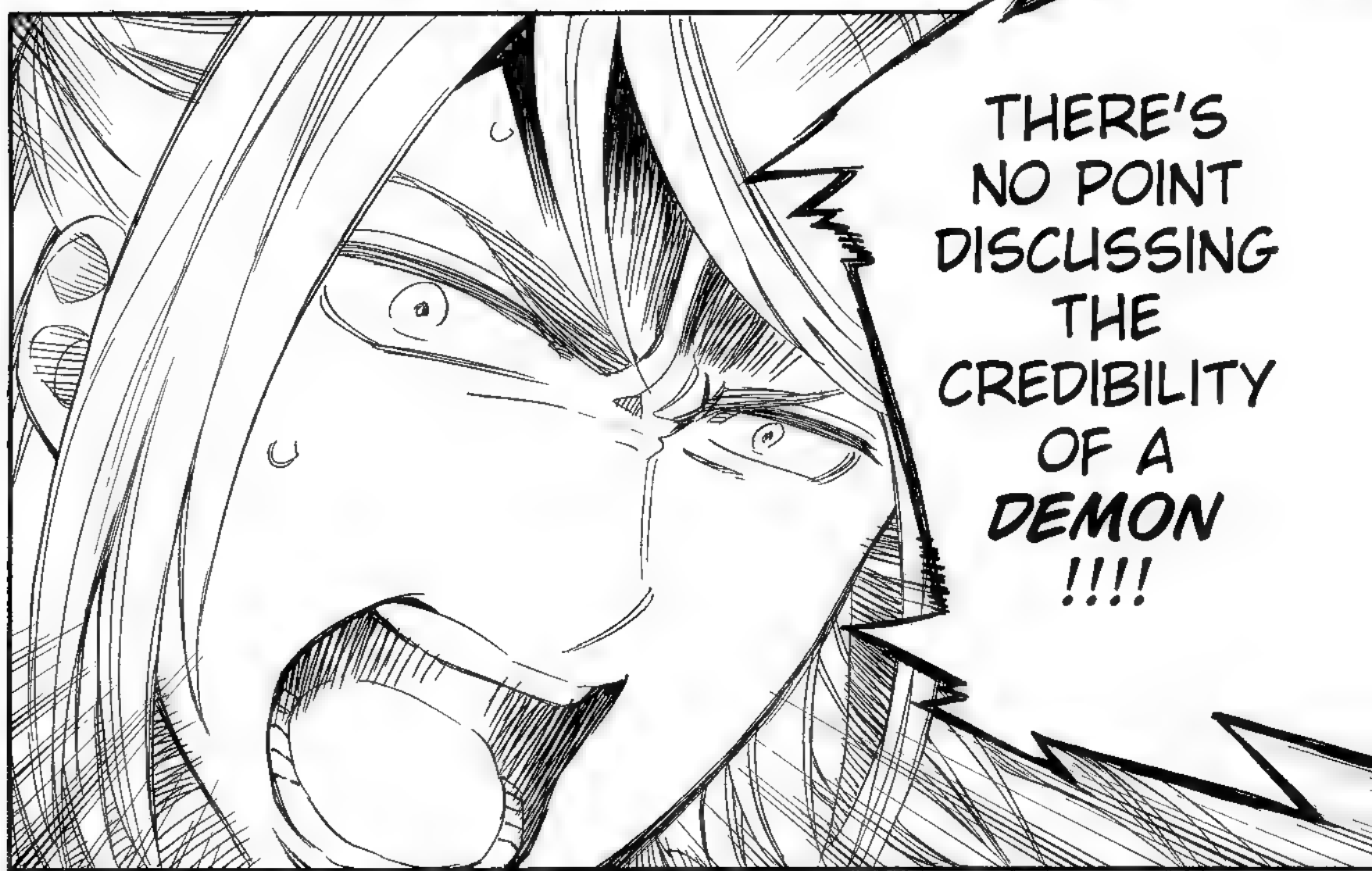
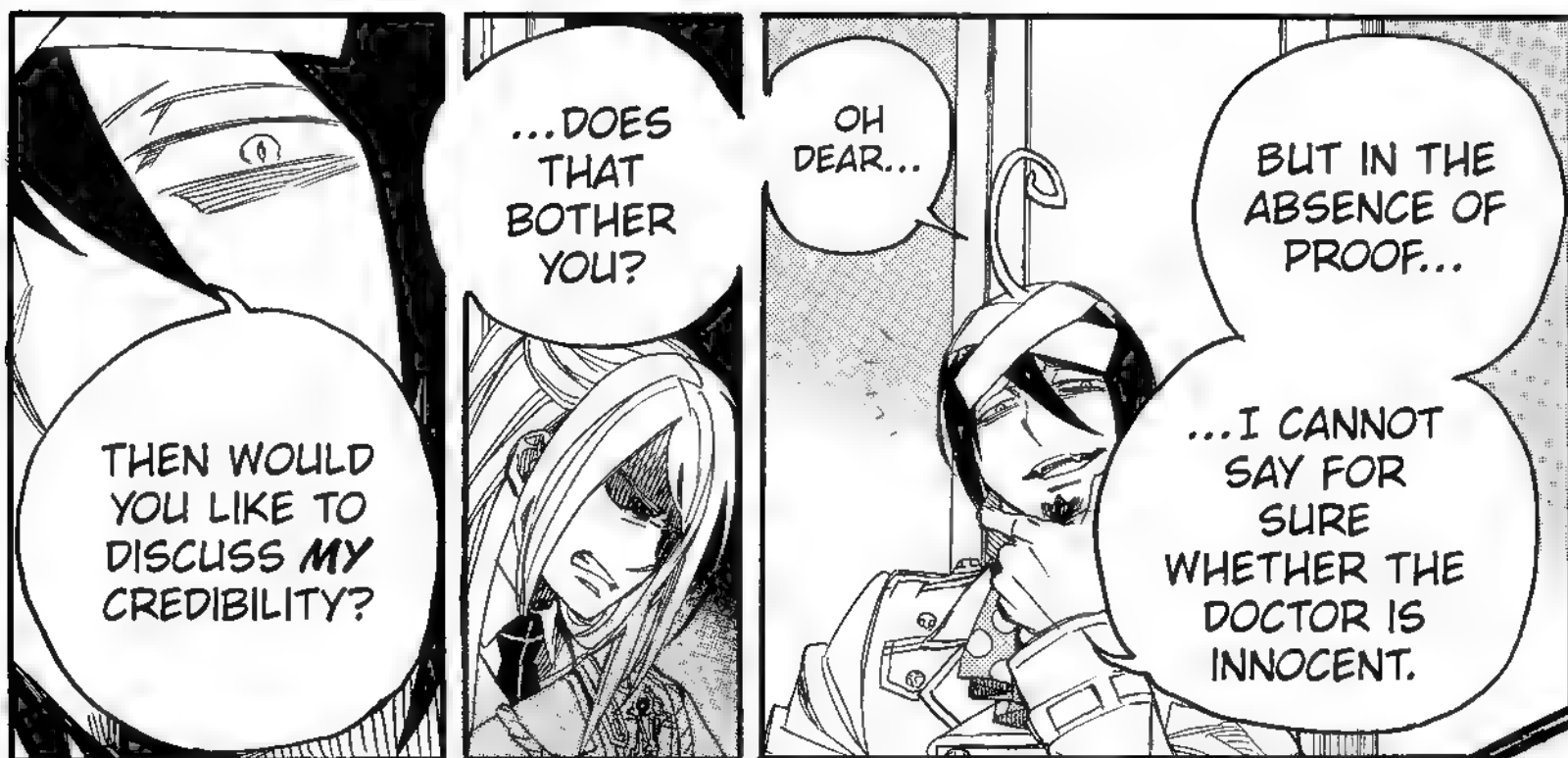
I'M THE  
ONLY ONE HERE  
WHO HAS  
WITNESSED  
EVERYTHING...

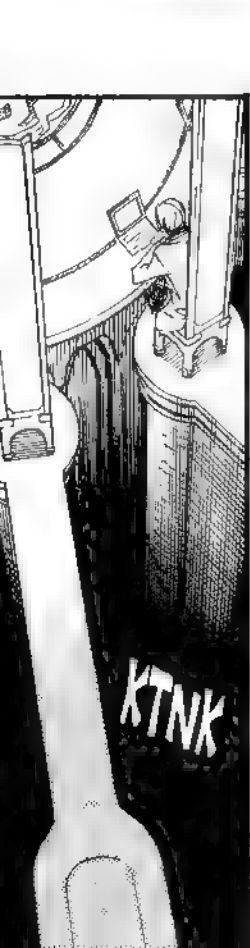
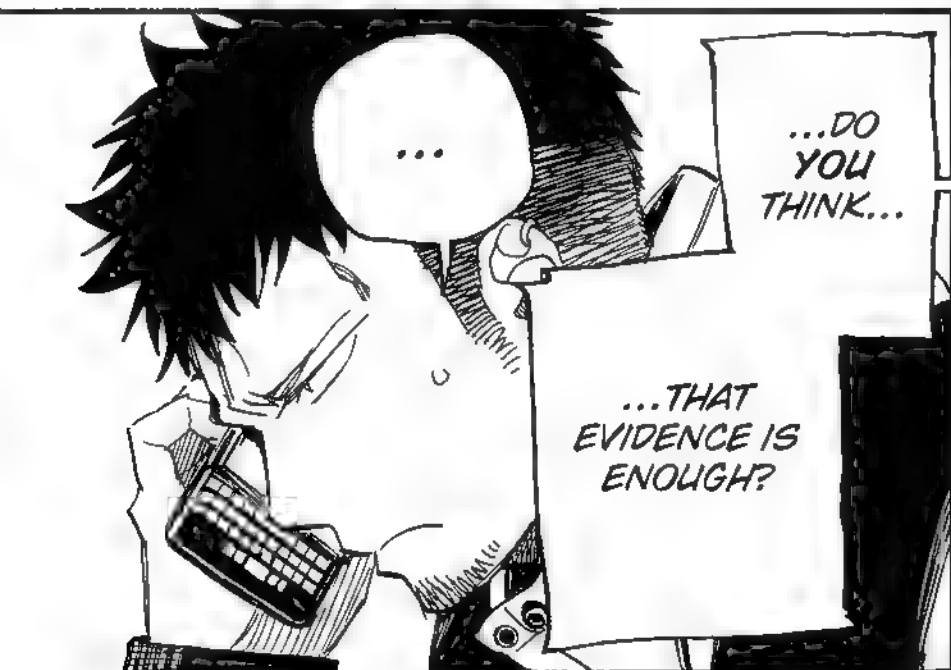
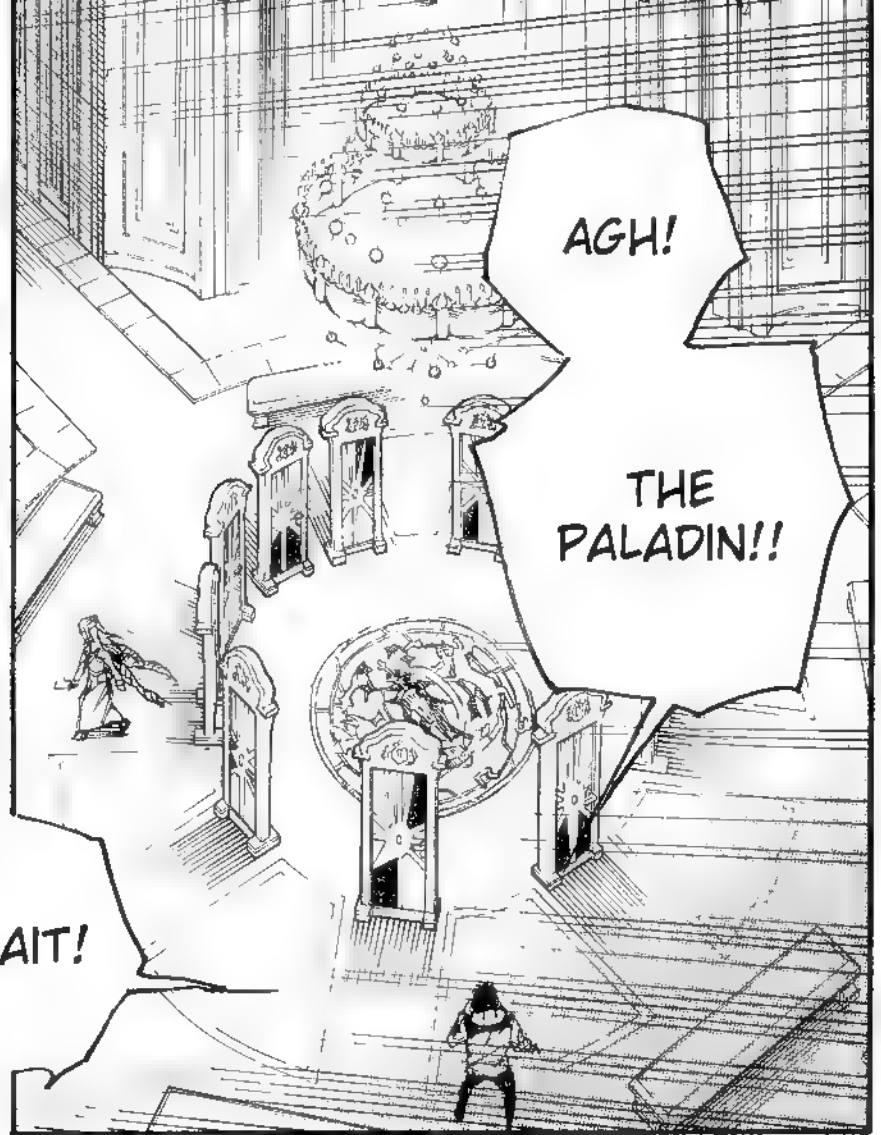


...THE **CLAIMS**  
ABOUT YOU,  
ANGEL.

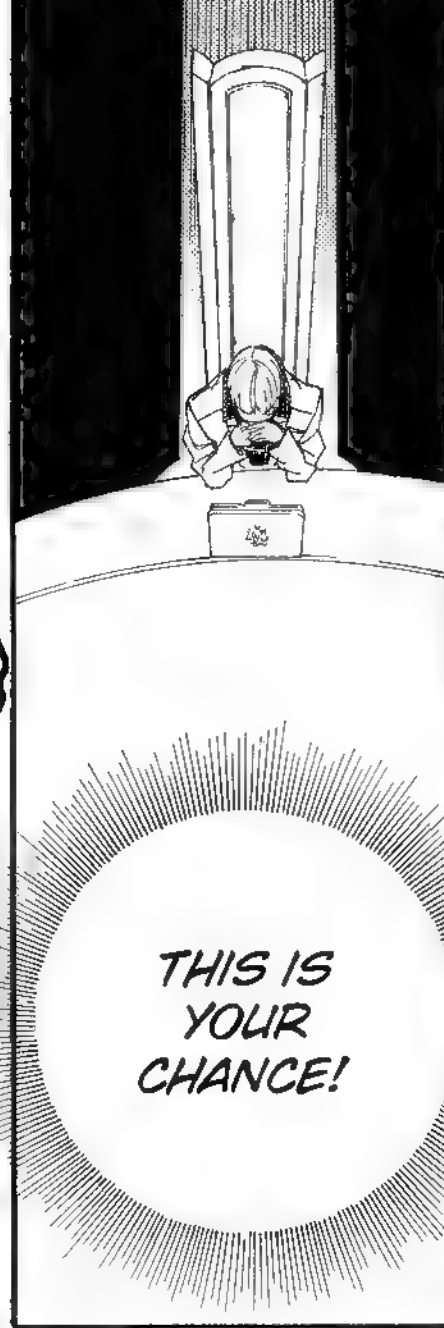
AND THAT  
INCLUDES...













HUH?

...WHAT DO  
YOU THINK OF  
LIGHTNING?



MY NAME  
IS RYUJI  
SUGURO!

B O W

OR  
RATHER...

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
OF THE  
EVIDENCE,  
BOY?



VENERABLE  
MASTER  
LUCY YANG!

!!!

THE ARCH  
KNIGHT  
KNOWN AS  
THE WIELDER  
OF  
PHANTOMS!

...



...I'M THE ONE  
WHO PREPARED  
THE FINAL  
DOCUMENTATION.

WELL...



I THINK  
I DON'T  
TRUST THAT  
LAMEBRAIN  
SCOUNDREL  
!!!

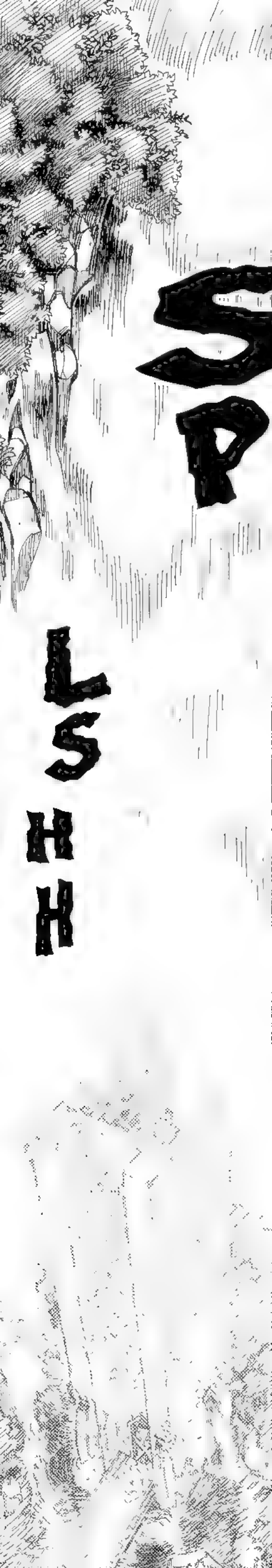
RA

I THOUGHT HE TOOK  
ME AS HIS STUDENT TO  
HELP HIM MAKE DECISIONS,  
BUT THEN HE GOES OFF  
INVESTIGATING ALL  
BY HIMSELF AND  
TORTURES PEOPLE  
RIGHT AND LEFT AND  
HIDES EVIDENCE  
FROM ME AND EVEN  
FAKES SOME  
SO YOU WANNA  
KNOW WHAT  
I THINK?!

HA







SP

LS

HH



HOW DID-

HUH?!

THAT WAS FAST!

TMP



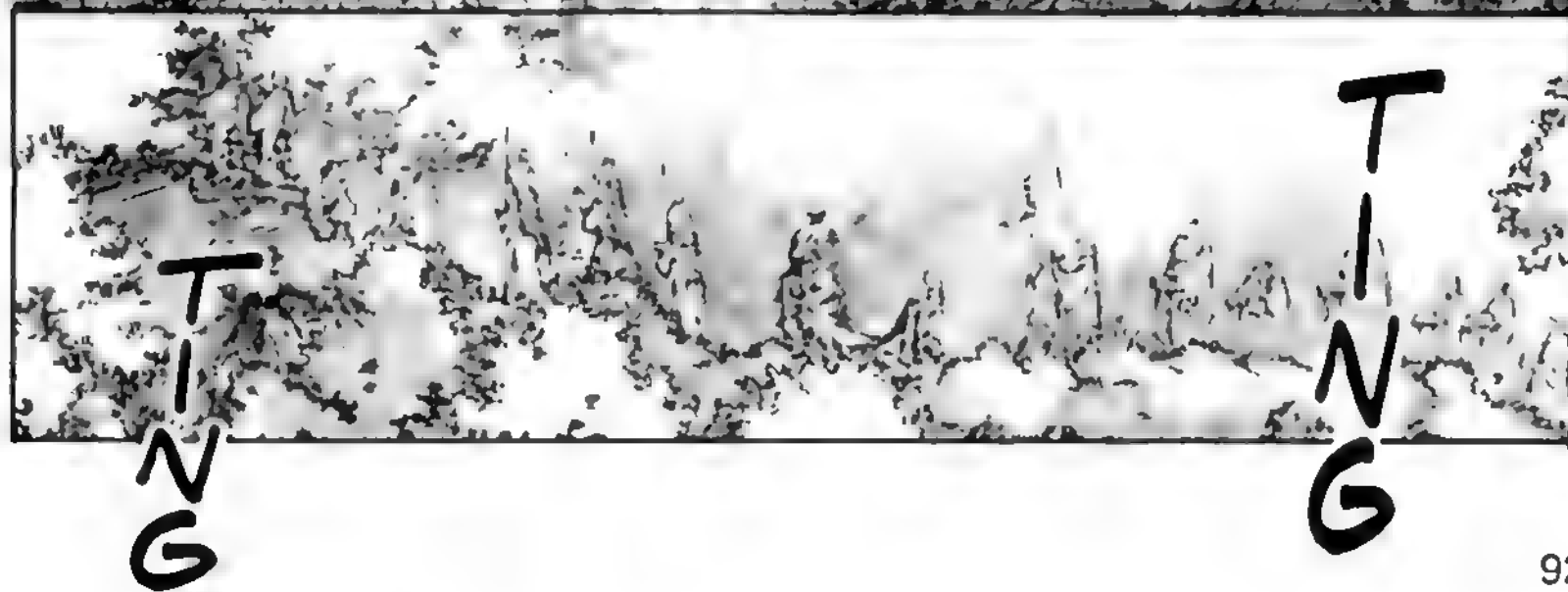
BORED AND  
LOOKING  
FOR  
SOMETHING  
TO DO?

?!



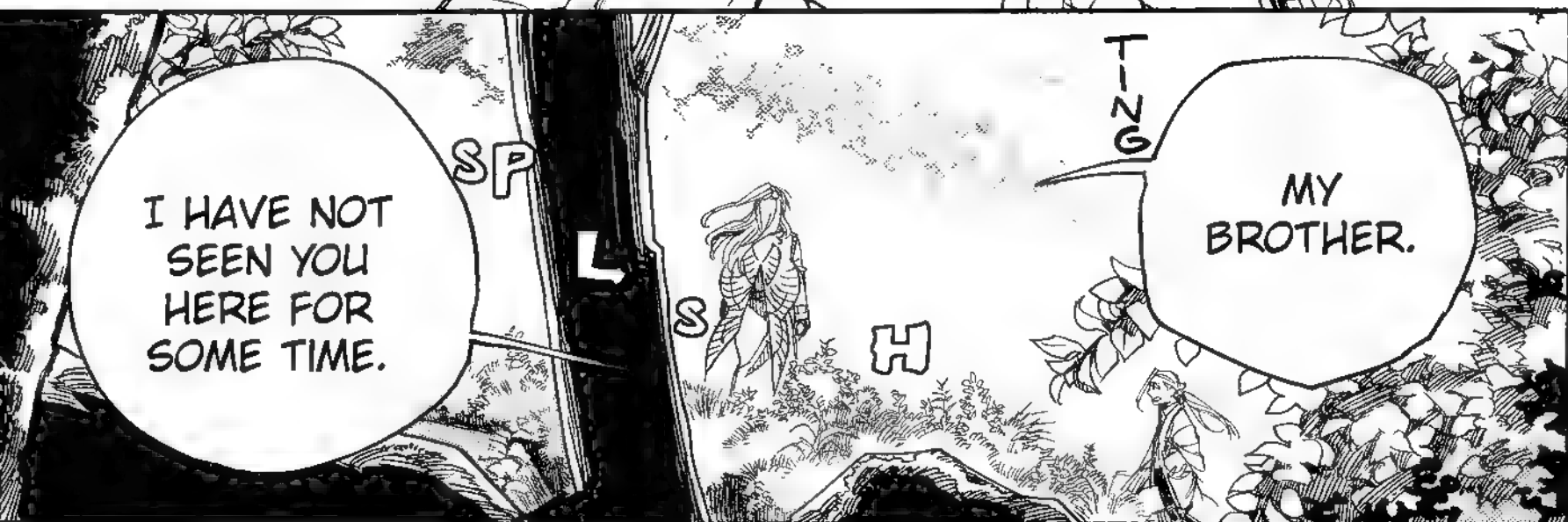
THEN  
COME  
WITH ME.

TMP





ARTHUR.

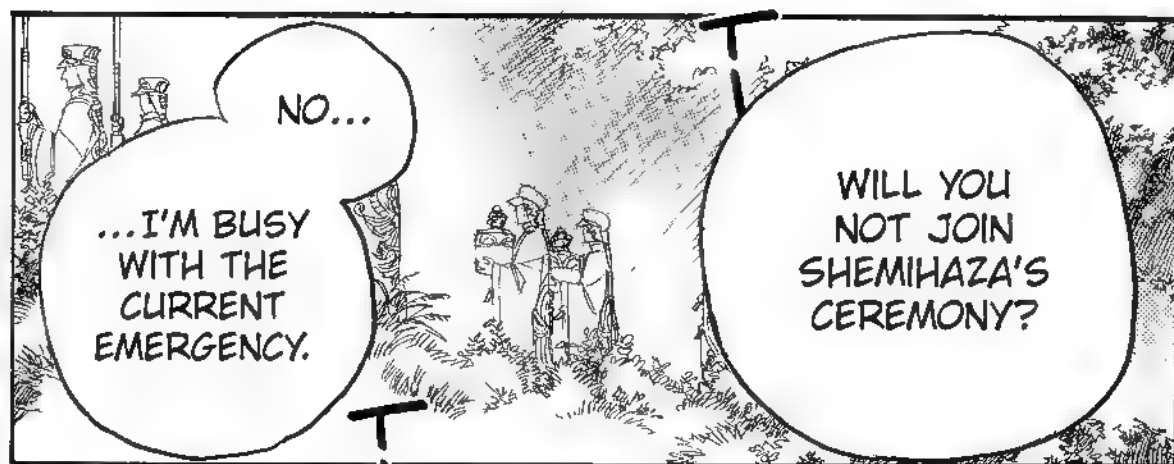


I HAVE NOT  
SEEN YOU  
HERE FOR  
SOME TIME.

MY  
BROTHER.



ARTHUR?



NO...

...I'M BUSY  
WITH THE  
CURRENT  
EMERGENCY.

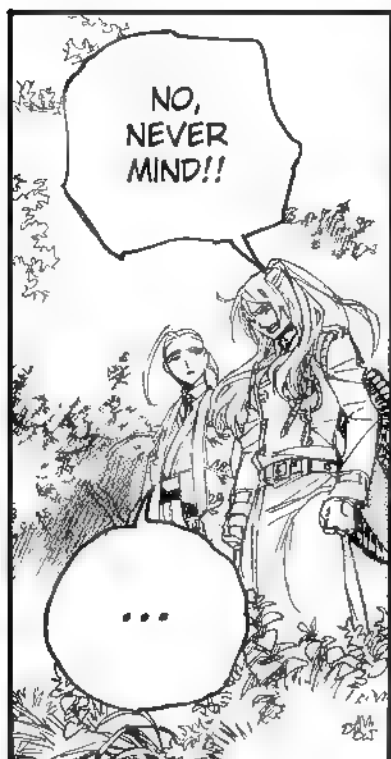
WILL YOU  
NOT JOIN  
SHEMIHAZA'S  
CEREMONY?



PERHAPS  
YOU ARE  
TIRED.

INDEED, THERE'S  
NO COMPARISON  
BETWEEN A HOLY  
KNIGHT AND ME.





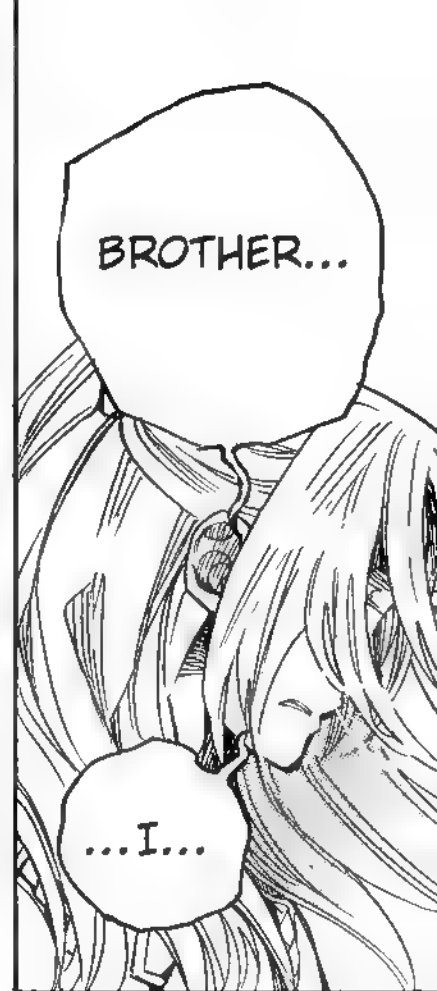
NO,  
NEVER  
MIND!!

...



MY  
FATHER...

...AND  
MOTHER...



BROTHER...

...I...



A DEMON  
POSSESSED YOUR  
FATHER, CAUSING  
HIM TO KILL HIS  
SUBJECTS,  
RETAINERS AND  
FAMILY.

WHEN YOU WERE  
YOUNG, THE  
KNIGHTS OF THE  
TRUE CROSS  
PERFORMED AN  
EXORCISM. THE  
ONLY SURVIVOR  
IN THE CASTLE  
WAS YOU.

YOUR FATHER  
WAS DUKE  
ARTHUR ANGEL  
OF SAINTFORD,  
ENGLAND...

...AND YOUR  
MOTHER WAS  
AUGUSTA  
LORRAINE, A  
FRENCH  
ARISTOCRAT.

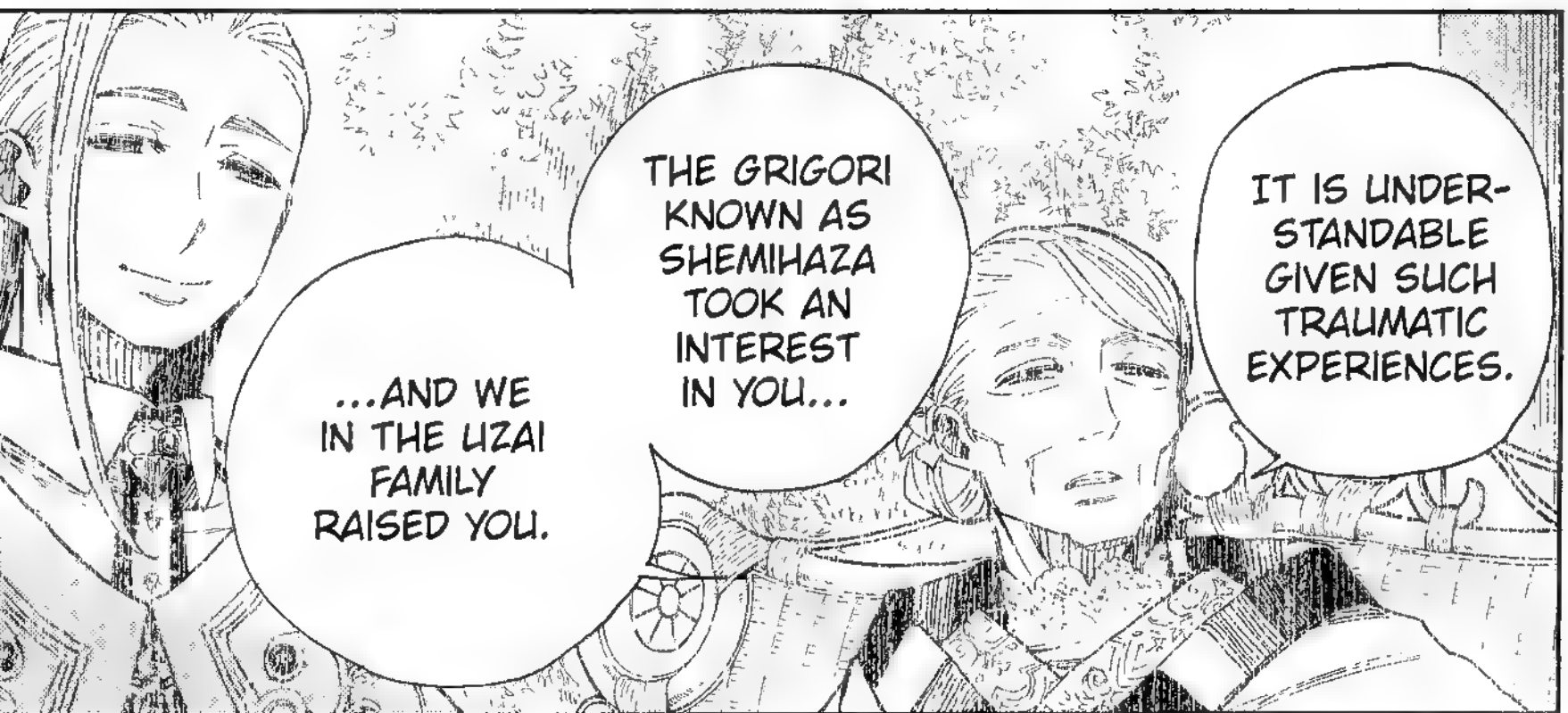
HAVEN'T YOU  
HEARD THIS  
BEFORE?

ASYLUM WAS  
DESTROYED  
DURING THE BLUE  
NIGHT, SO YOU  
SURVIVED YET  
ANOTHER  
CALAMITY...

YOU  
WERE  
ONLY 15.

YOU WERE  
SUFFERING  
FROM  
TEMPTAINT,  
SO ASYLUM  
TOOK YOU IN.

...AND YOU  
LOST YOUR  
MEMORY OF  
THAT TIME.



THE GRIGORI  
KNOWN AS  
SHEMIHAZA  
TOOK AN  
INTEREST  
IN YOU...

IT IS UNDER-  
STANDABLE  
GIVEN SUCH  
TRAUMATIC  
EXPERIENCES.

...AND WE  
IN THE LIZAI  
FAMILY  
RAISED YOU.

YOU HAVE  
RECEIVED A  
CHANCE FOR  
A NEW LIFE.

YOU ARE  
FORTUNATE.

YES,  
SIR!

THERE IS NO  
SHAME IN  
HAVING NO  
PAST.



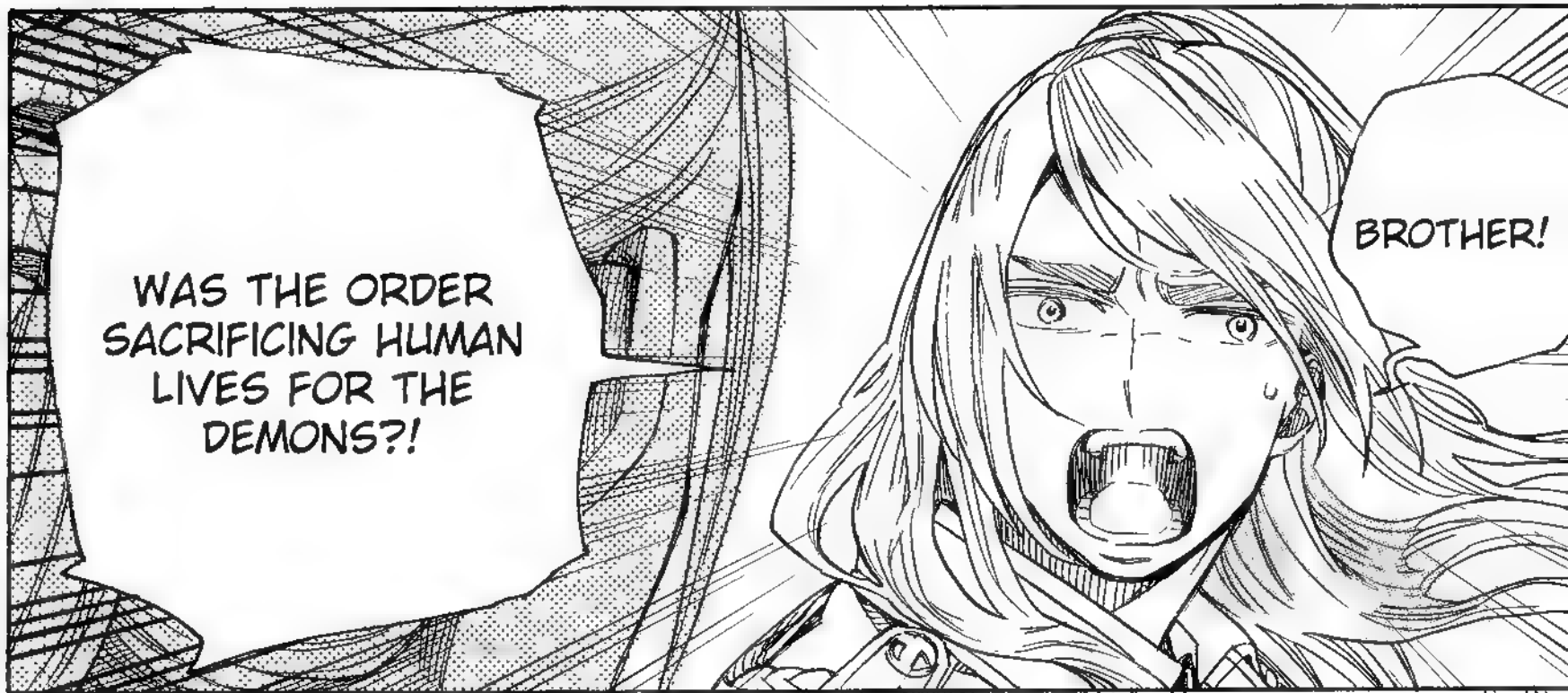
BUT NOW A  
PEER SAYS IT  
WAS ALL A  
DECEPTION!



...AND TO DEFEAT  
THE DEMONS  
WHO TOOK  
EVERYTHING  
FROM ME!

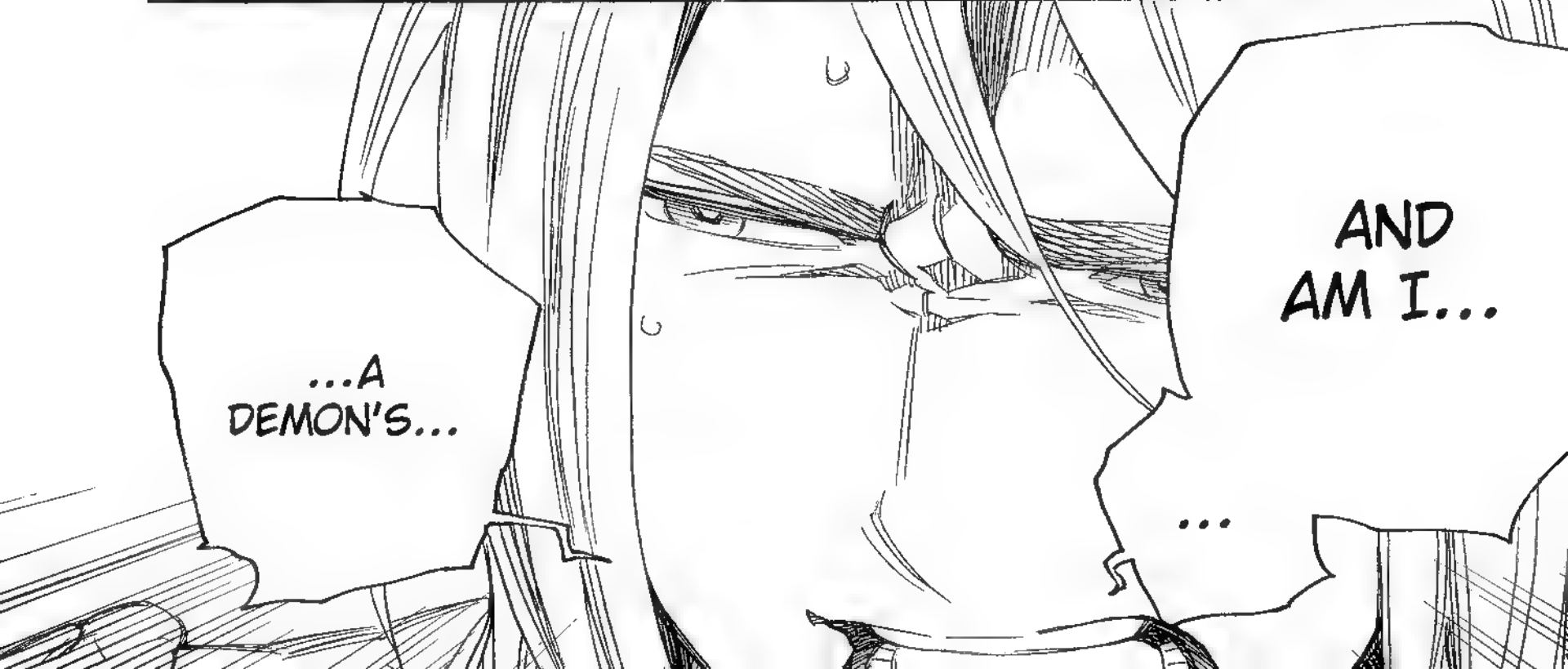
FOR THE  
LAST 16  
YEARS...

...I HAVE  
LIVED TO  
REPAY MY  
DEBT TO THE  
GRIGORI  
AGENCY...



WAS THE ORDER  
SACRIFICING HUMAN  
LIVES FOR THE  
DEMONS?!


BROTHER!



...A  
DEMON'S...

AND  
AM I...





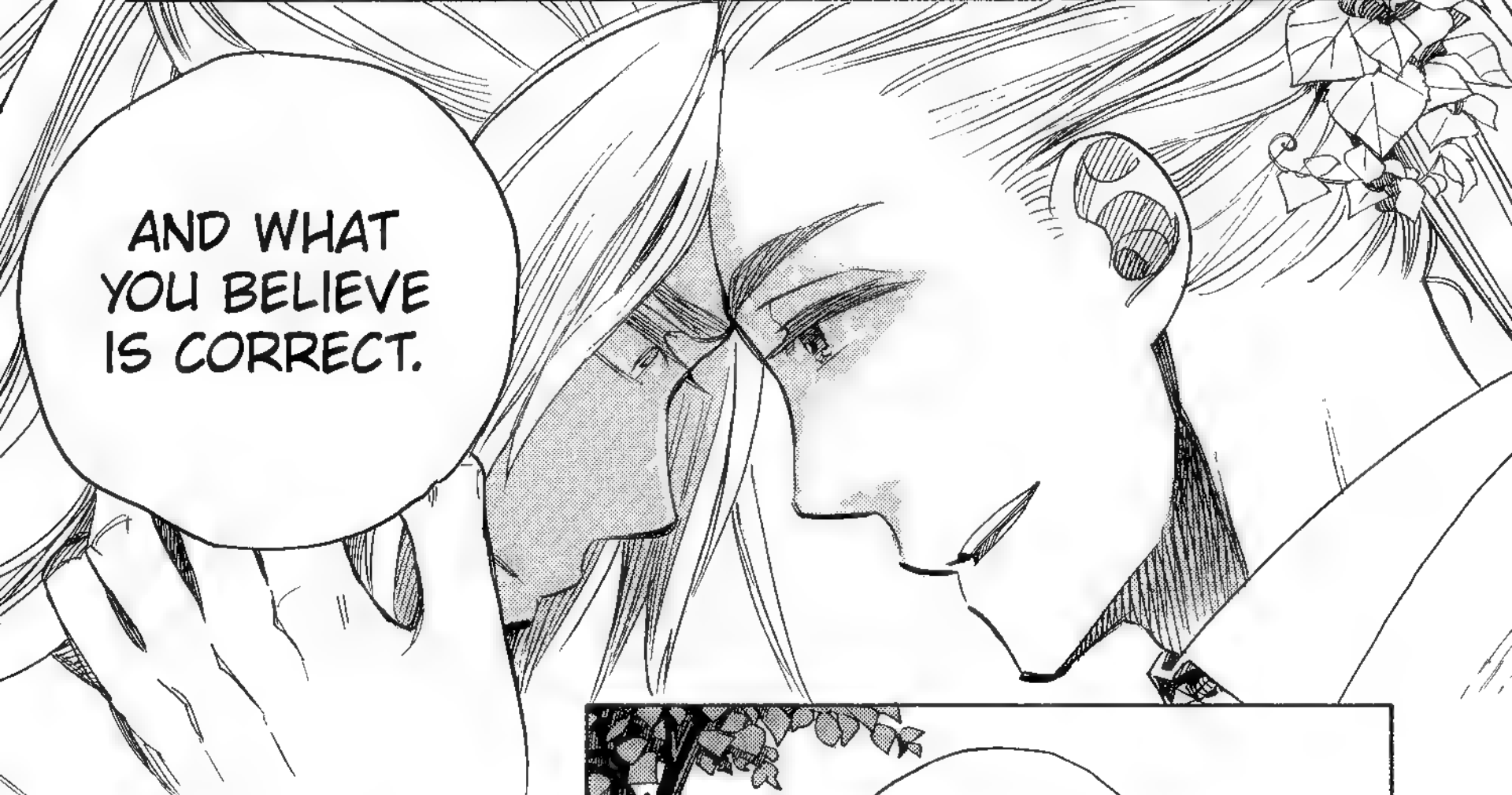
BUT I  
KNOW  
YOU.



...WAS  
PROBABLY SO  
CONSUMED BY  
HIS BELIEFS  
THAT HE FELL  
APART.




THAT  
PEER...



AND WHAT  
YOU BELIEVE  
IS CORRECT.



YOU EVEN  
HAVE A  
GREEN  
AREA?



YOU ARE  
**ALWAYS**  
CORRECT.



THIS  
AIRCRAFT  
IS LIKE A  
WHOLE CITY.

THERE'S  
FOOD FROM  
ALL OVER  
THE WORLD  
HERE!

GRRGL

UGH. I'M  
STARVING.

THERE'S A  
FOOD COURT  
AHEAD, SO  
LET'S GO  
EAT!



THE  
ILLUMINATI  
CALLS IT  
**MAGICAL  
SCIENCE**,  
BUT I DON'T  
GET IT.

SLURP

HOW IS IT  
POSSIBLE?

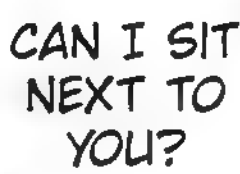
CLONES,  
RAPID BODY  
REGENERATION,  
A FLYING CITY...  
IT'S ALL LIKE  
**MAGIC**.

CLAMOR

IN OTHER  
WORDS, HIGHLY  
ADVANCED  
SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY IS  
BASICALLY  
MAGIC.

YOU MEAN  
CLARKE'S  
THREE  
LAWS.

IT'S PROBABLY  
LIKE THAT ONE  
GUY SAID. YOU  
KNOW, ABOUT  
AWESOME  
GADGETS  
LOOKING LIKE  
MAGIC?







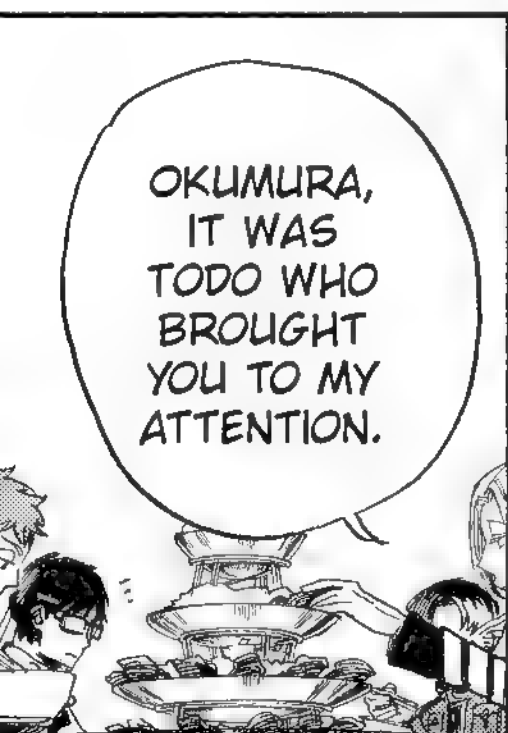


TASTY,  
ISN'T IT?

THREE-STAR  
CHEFS WHO  
SYMPATHIZE  
WITH THE  
ILLUMINATI  
PROVIDE THE  
FOOD HERE.

HOW DID I  
GET INTO  
THIS  
MESS?!

UH...  
YES.

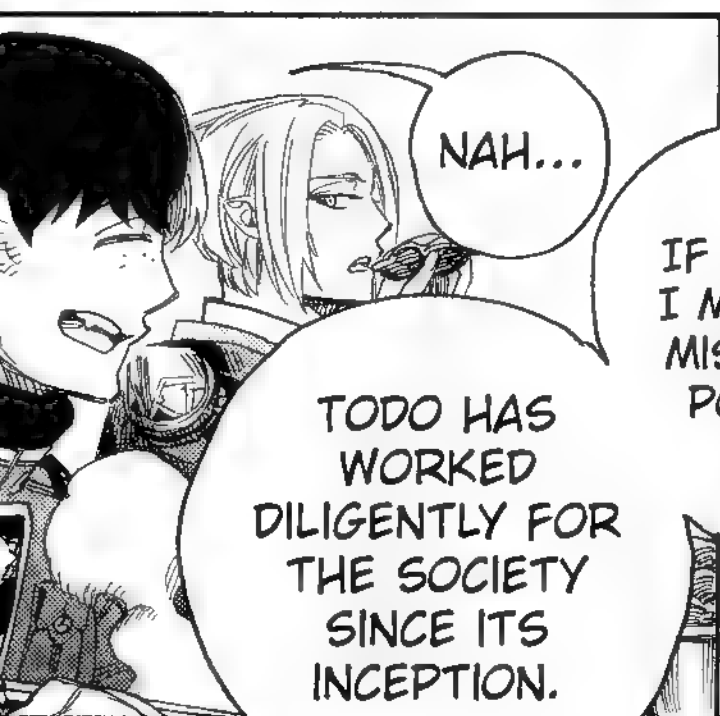


OKUMURA,  
IT WAS  
TODO WHO  
BROUGHT  
YOU TO MY  
ATTENTION.



WELCOME  
TO THE  
ILLUMINATI!

IS THIS A  
NIGHTMARE?



NAH...

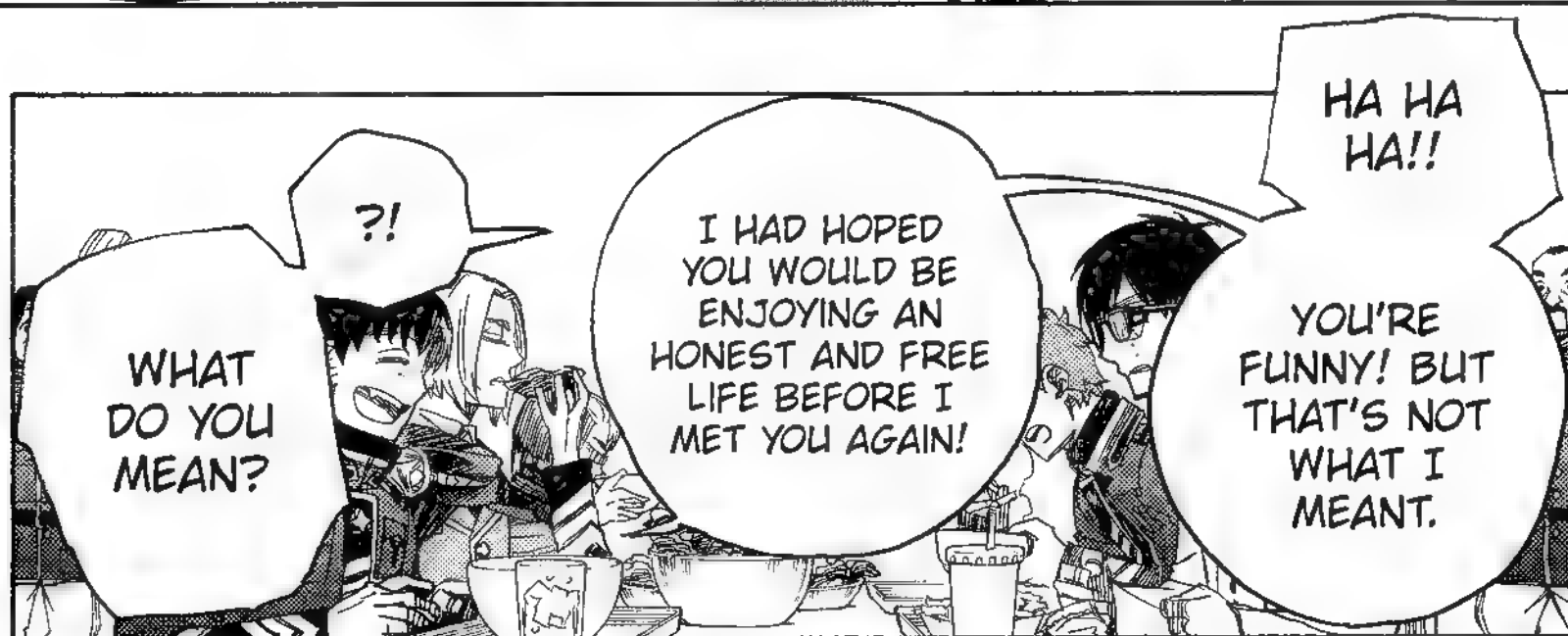
TODO HAS  
WORKED  
DILIGENTLY FOR  
THE SOCIETY  
SINCE ITS  
INCEPTION.

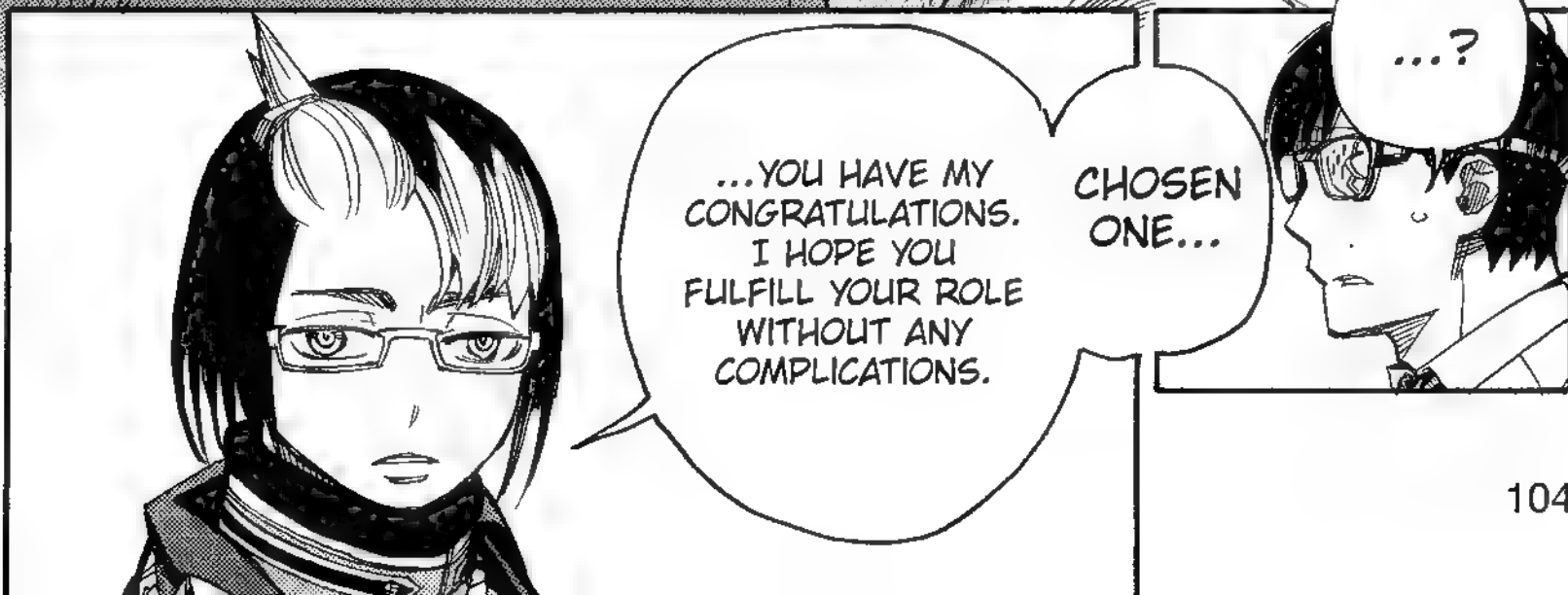


IF HE HADN'T,  
I MIGHT HAVE  
MISSED YOUR  
POTENTIAL.











HUH?  
THE  
MOOD IN  
HERE  
IS...

IT WAS A  
PLEASURE  
SHARING ONE  
LAST MEAL WITH  
ALL OF YOU!



CHACHA

THANK  
YOU.



IT'S  
JUST  
LIKE...

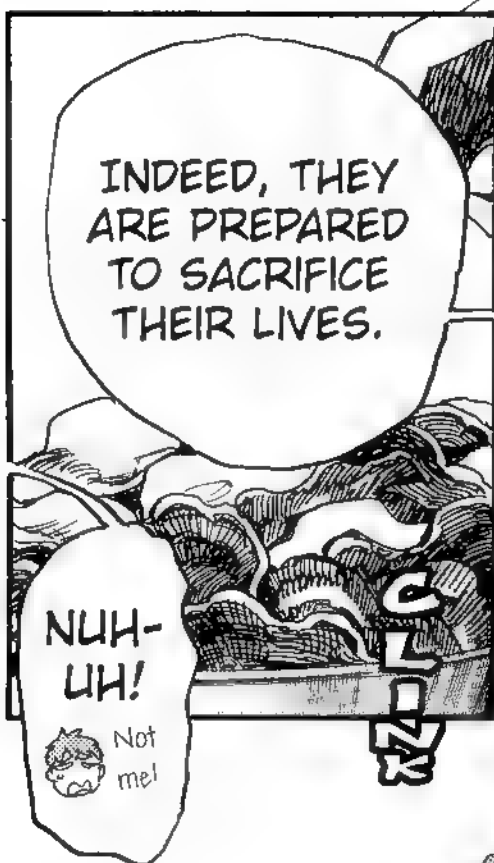
OKUMURA...



...YOU WILL  
UNDERSTAND.

...WHEN YOU  
LEARN TO BE  
HONEST...







YOU MISUNDER-  
STAND.

SO WE MUST  
DESTROY THE  
OLD WORLD.

SHF  
**CHAK**

OUR GOAL IS THE  
CREATION OF A  
NEW WORLD IN  
WHICH ALL ARE  
EQUAL.



AND THEN WE  
WILL RE-CREATE  
**EVERYTHING.**

FOR THAT  
IS THE  
ILLUMINATI'S  
MISSION.

SUCH A WORLD  
IS IRRATIONAL  
AND UNJUST.

THE PEOPLE OF  
ASSIAH ARE  
IGNORANT AND  
PAMPERED...

...WHILE WE  
OF GEHENNA  
THIRST, SUFFER  
AND ENDURE  
EXILE!

WOULDN'T  
YOU  
AGREE?

Hear,  
hear!!

Hooray  
!!

Com-  
mander  
!

Com-  
mander

HA  
HA



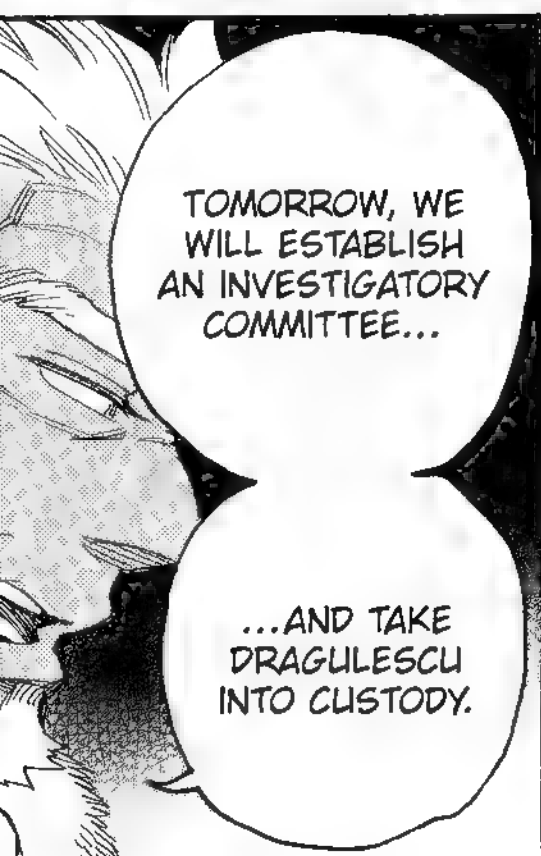


I FASHIONED  
THOSE *MAGIC*  
*CANCELERS*  
MYSELF. IF YOU  
FORCEFULLY  
REMOVE THEM,  
YOU'LL LOSE  
BOTH HANDS.

...REMOVE THE  
SYLPH BELL  
YOU PLACED ON  
DR. DRAGULESCU.



LEWIN...



TOMORROW, WE  
WILL ESTABLISH  
AN INVESTIGATORY  
COMMITTEE...

...AND TAKE  
DRAGULESCU  
INTO CUSTODY.



LEWIN!!

THAT'S A  
SHAME.

THIS IS MORE  
IMPORTANT THAN  
MY HANDS. IF  
THE BELL RINGS,  
I'M GOING AFTER  
HIM.



DON'T BE  
SURPRISED IF  
HE DECIDES TO  
TAKE FLIGHT!

YOU'LL KEEP HIM  
IN LUXURIOUS  
PRIVATE  
LODGINGS  
WHERE HE CAN  
STILL STRETCH  
HIS WINGS!

IT'S TOO  
SOFT!

S  
I  
G  
H

HE WILL BE  
UNABLE TO  
LEAVE THE  
VATICAN UNTIL  
WE REACH A  
CONCLUSION.

SURELY  
THAT IS  
ENOUGH.

!!

RRR!!!  
NNNNNN  
GGGG

I TOLD  
YOU!

WHAT?

Ryuji?!

?!

RRRR  
NNNN  
GGGG

HE'S ON  
THE  
MOVE!!

哎呀呀...  
(OH  
DEAR...)

BRING ME  
RYUJI!





RYUJI!  
BRING ME  
THE OUIJA  
GLOBE!

LUCY  
?!

HERE.

TUNK



TW



P



SHOW  
ME!

ZZZ-R

CRRIK

RINGGG

WHERE  
IS HE?



OSCEOLA...

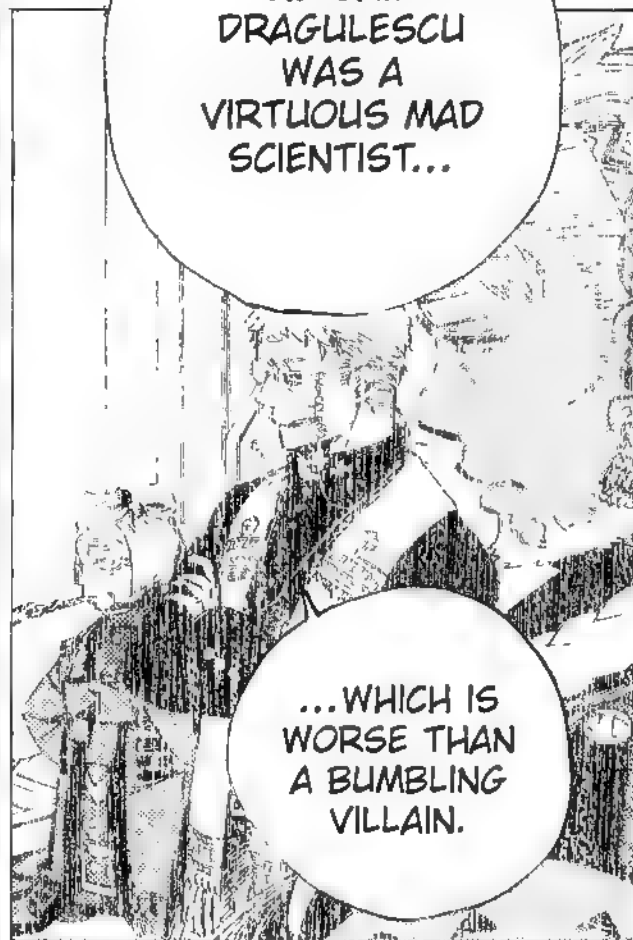
ARE YOU  
DEFYING  
THE  
ORDER?!

LUCY!





NOW I  
REALIZE  
WHAT HE  
MEANT.



HE SAID  
DRAGULESCU  
WAS A  
VIRTUOUS MAD  
SCIENTIST...

...WHICH IS  
WORSE THAN  
A BUMBLING  
VILLAIN.

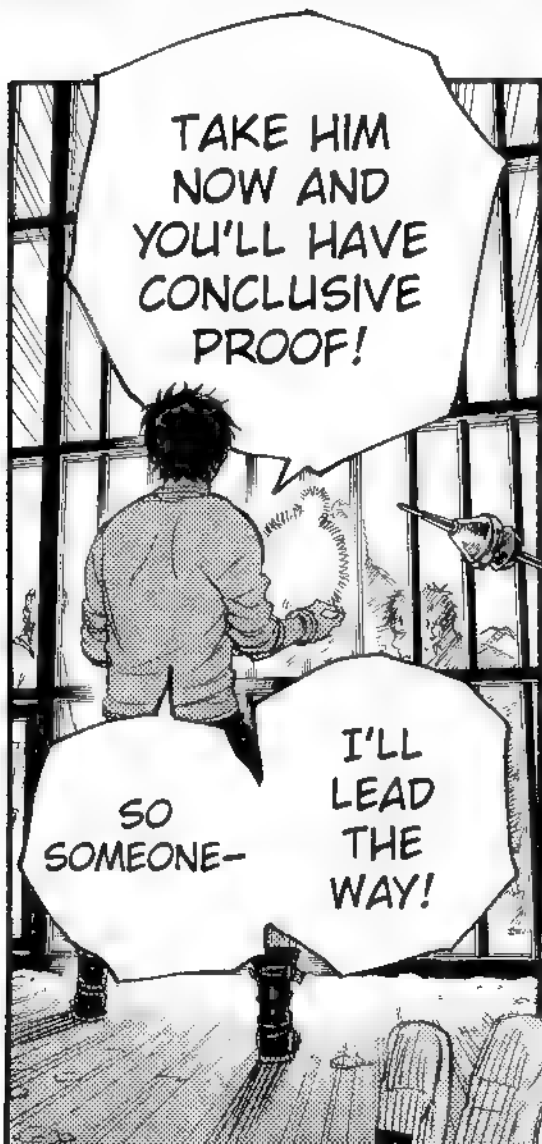


SHIRO WAS  
PALADIN WHEN  
DRAGULESCU  
BECAME AN  
ARCH KNIGHT.

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
WHAT HE  
SAID?



HE'S IN  
ROMANIA!



TAKE HIM  
NOW AND  
YOU'LL HAVE  
CONCLUSIVE  
PROOF!

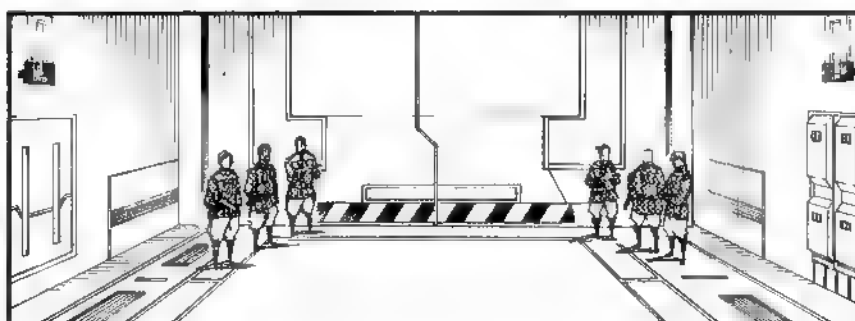
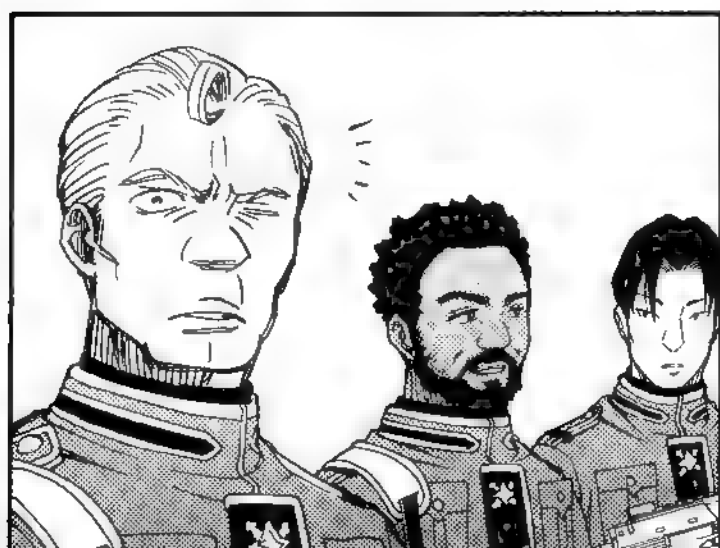
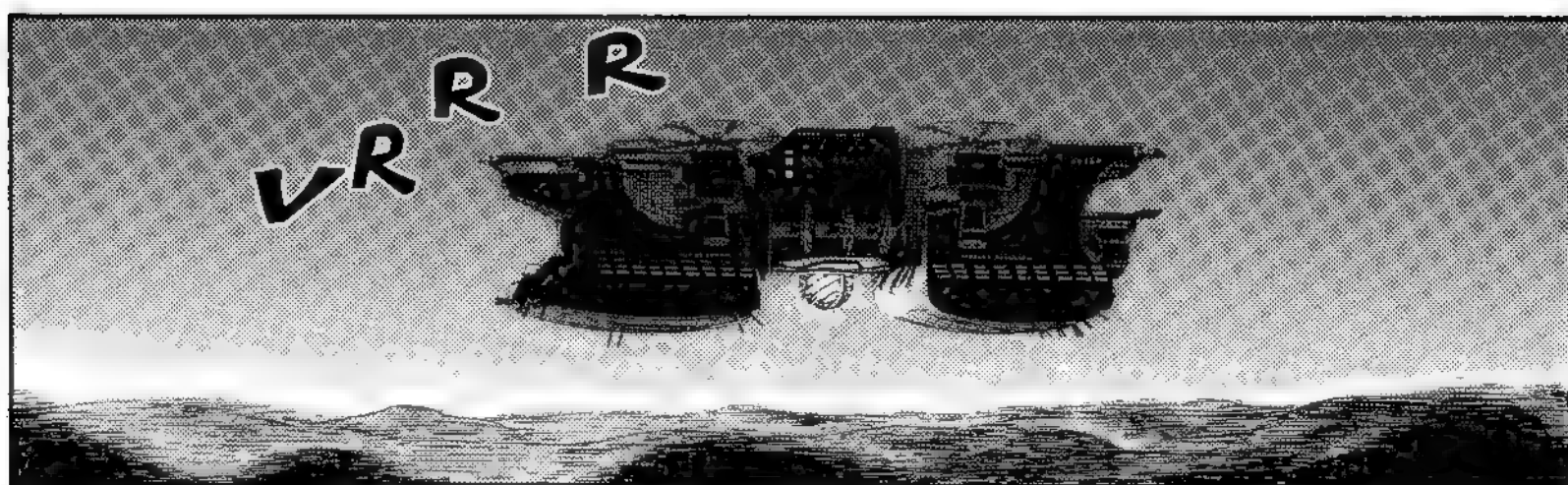
SO  
SOMEONE-

I'LL  
LEAD  
THE  
WAY!

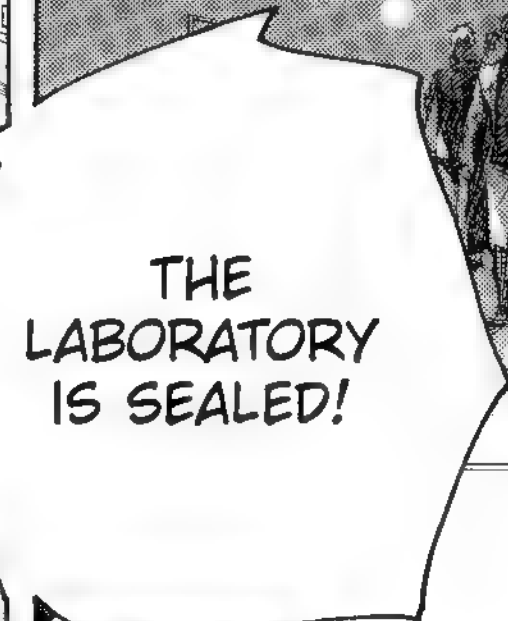
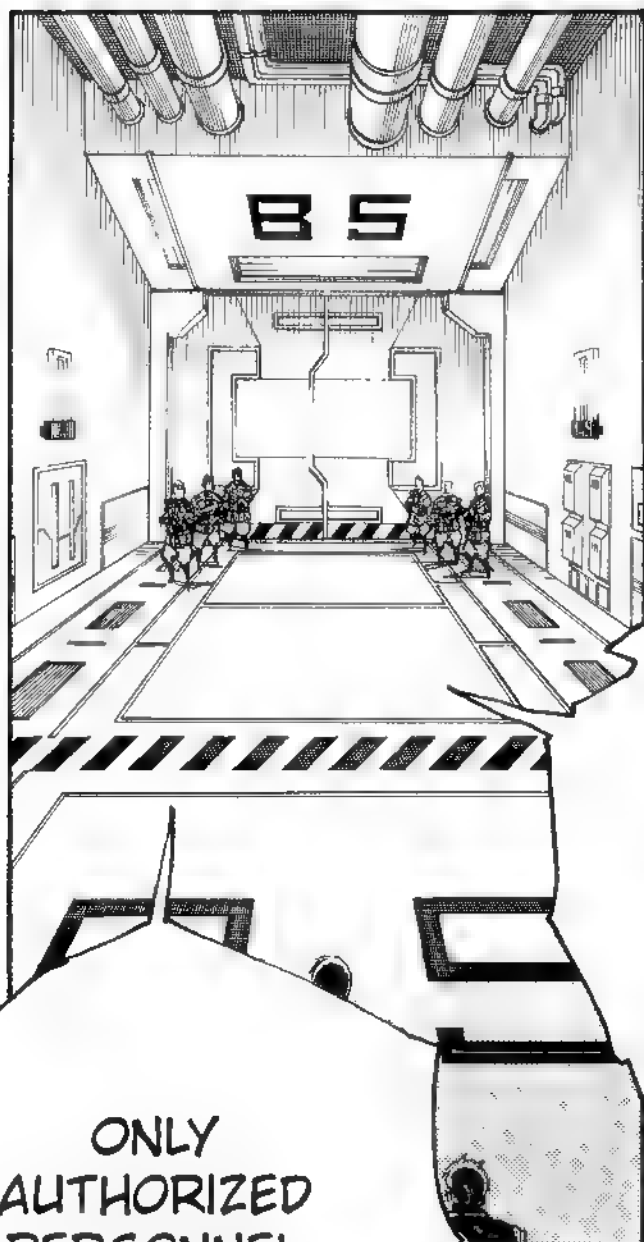


AT HIS  
BASE OF  
OPERATIONS-  
K.R.C.  
LABORATORY!









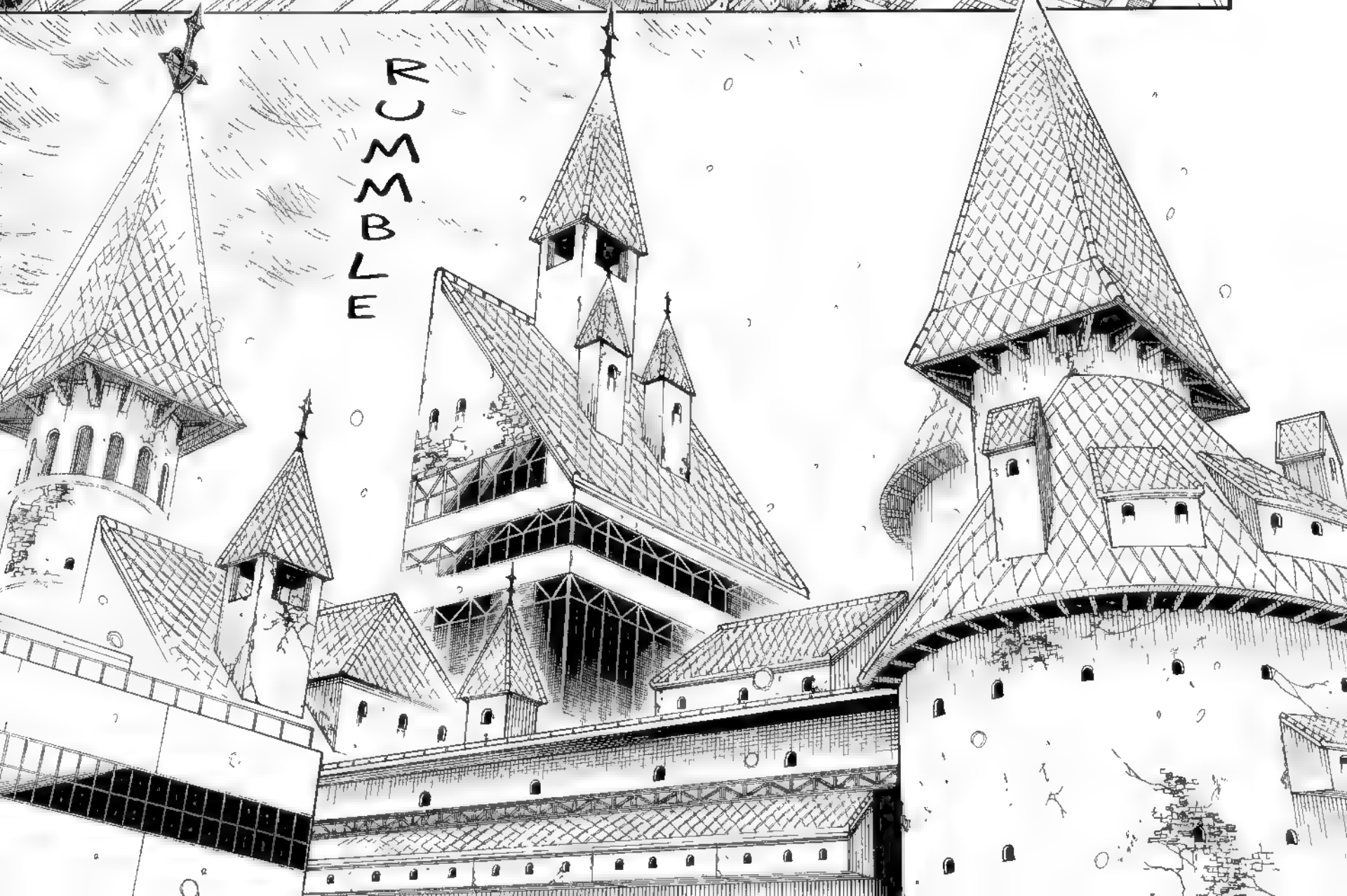
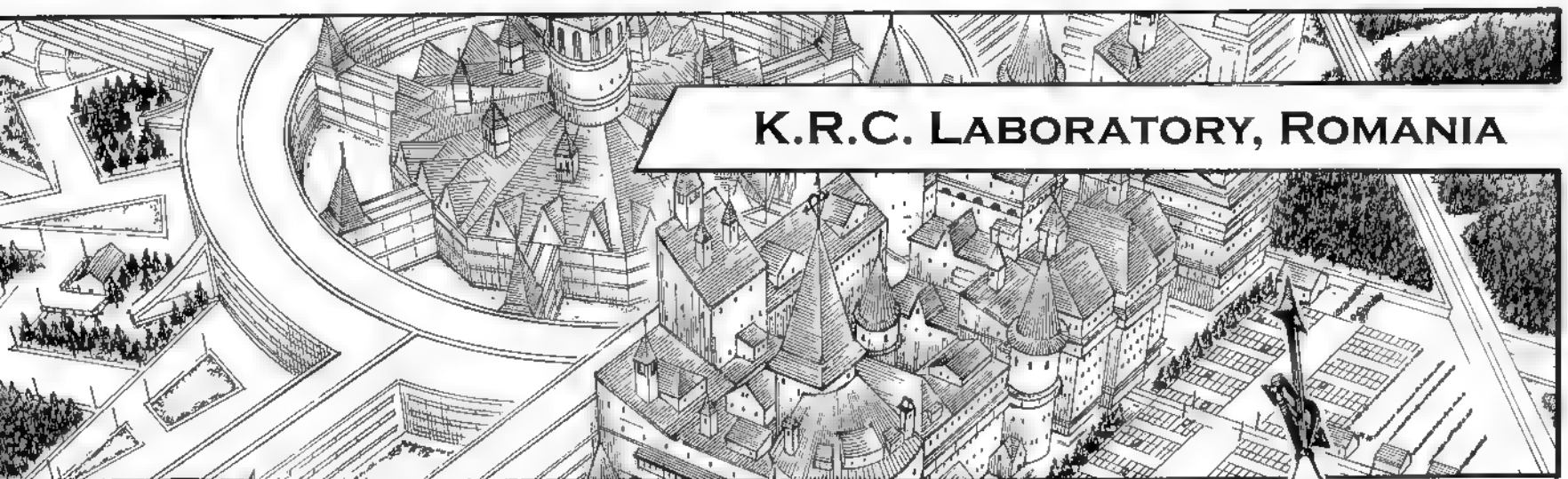










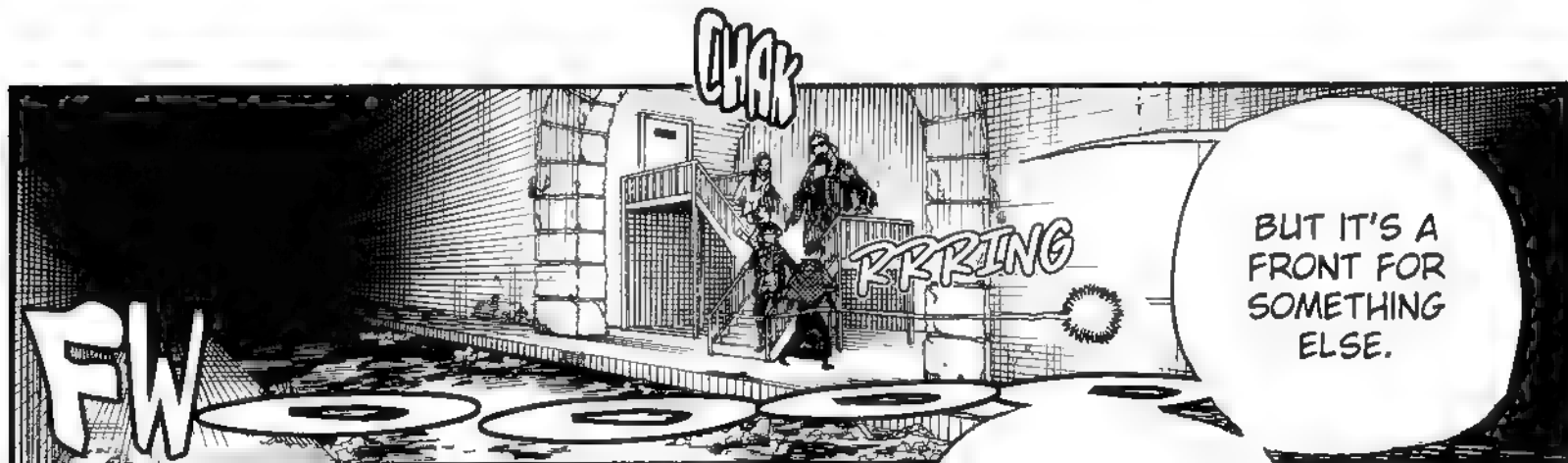




THE OUIJA  
GLOBE WILL  
GUIDE US TO  
DRAGULESCU.



THE LAB  
APPEARS  
TO BE  
OPERATING  
NORMALLY.



BUT IT'S A  
FRONT FOR  
SOMETHING  
ELSE.




SEE?



THERE  
MUST BE A  
HIDEOUT HERE  
SOMEWHERE.







THIS PLACE IS  
LIKE SECTION 13.  
ITS VERY  
EXISTENCE IS  
EVIDENCE OF  
HIS GUILT.

DRAGULESCU  
IS AHEAD  
OF US.



WHAT  
IS THIS  
STUFF?



THIS IS  
LOOKING  
MIGHTY  
FISHY...

THE  
LABORATORY  
FLOOR MAP  
DOESN'T INCLUDE  
THIS AREA.



SOMETHING'S  
IN THERE!

WAIT!!



GIVE ME  
LIGHT.

IT'S  
PITCH-  
BLACK. I  
CAN'T SEE.





I ALWAYS  
WONDERED  
WHAT  
HAPPENED...

THOSE FACES...  
THEY'RE FROM  
THE LUCIFER AND  
AZAZEL GROUPS!!

...TO THE CLONES  
THEY EXPERIMENTED  
ON WITH THE ELIXIR.  
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY  
FELL INTO A STATE  
BETWEEN LIFE AND  
DEATH LIKE THE  
ZOMBIES AT THE FAR  
EAST LABORATORY.



TURNS  
OUT THEY  
WERE  
HERE!



IT APPEARS  
DRAGULESCU  
IS ABOVE US.

SO LET'S  
HURRY  
ALONG.

I DON'T  
LIKE  
THIS.

BANG





START  
CLIMBING!!



THE  
BARRIER  
OPENED!

?!!



WE'RE  
SURROUNDED!

HE KNOWS  
WE'VE COME  
FOR HIM...

...AND HE'S  
TRYING TO  
STOP US!

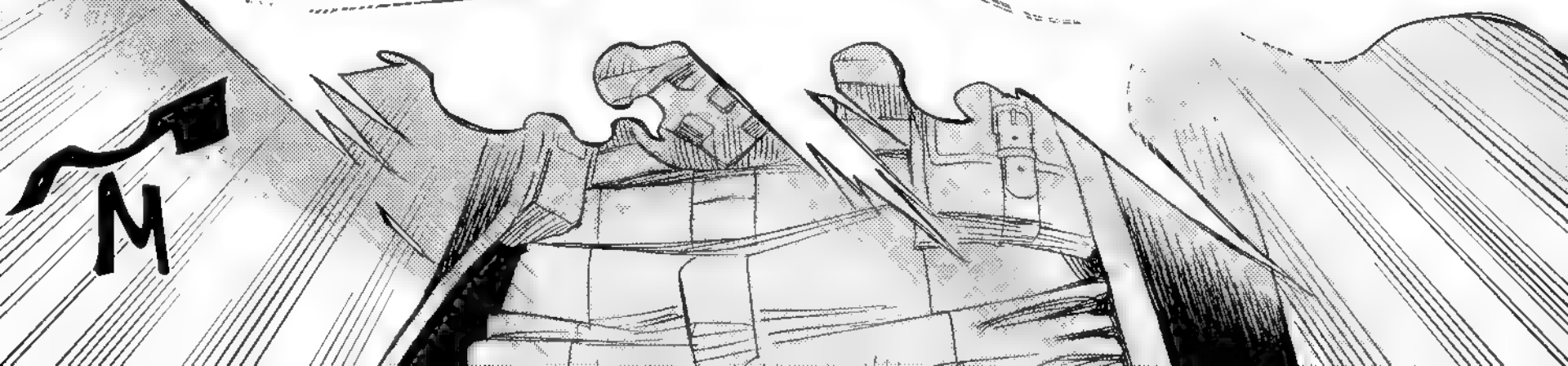
KZAK  
KZAK



"DEFEND  
ME WITH  
FIRE!"

"LEAD ME,  
SPIRIT!"

**QALETAQA  
GAUNTLET!**





...!

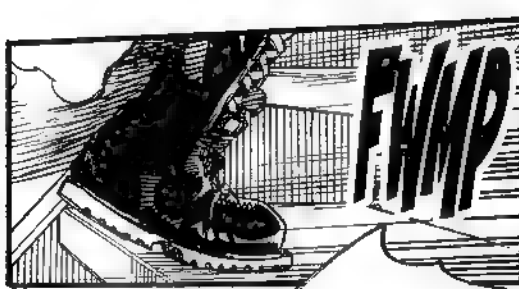
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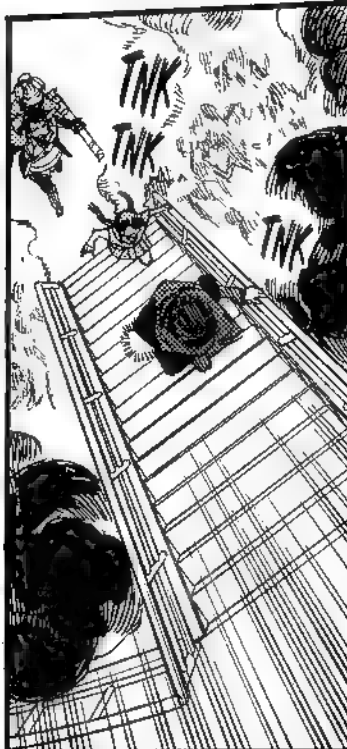


NOW!

THOOM



FWMP



TNK  
TNK  
TNK



CLIMB!!

THOOM



STUMBLE

KYAAH!

KAMIKI !!



!!

GLOP

BWOP

BLUP

GLOP

CLUP

BWOP

GLORP

FASTER THAN  
THE ARTIFICIAL  
ZOMBIES IN  
REPORTS  
ABOUT  
SHIMANE!

BLOP

BWOP

BWOP

WHUP

GLOP

THEY  
REGENERATE  
FAST!

PWUP  
PWUP

H W

DIANKU...  
AND SO  
ON!

...SPIRIT  
GOD!

COME  
FORTH  
...

**TORNADO!**







NOW UP  
YOU GO!



WE'VE  
BEEN SO  
FOOLISH!

DRAGULESCU  
WAS IN CHARGE  
OF ANALYZING  
THE EXORCISM  
METHOD FOR  
YOU KNOW  
WHAT!

THEY'RE  
STILL  
MOVING!!



LIKE!

MIKE!

LET'S  
HURRY.

ANYTHING  
COULD  
HAPPEN,  
SO BE  
READY!

RIING





SOMETHING'S  
HERE! BE  
WARY!

HUH?

YOU  
MUST  
FLEE!

**KRRRRRRRRRR**

**CHO**

**PP**



HEE  
HEE  
HEE  
HEE  
HEE  
HEE!

W

G

KYAAA!



IT'S A  
CHIMERA  
ZOMBIE!!

AND IT'S  
MADE OF  
CLONES!







DID THE SYLPH  
BELL DIE FROM  
GETTING TOO  
FAR AWAY OR  
DID SOMETHING  
KILL IT?!

LOST  
THE  
SIGNAL.

LIGHTNING!!

?!!

FWISH

KLATTER ROLL ROLL ROLL

CLASH

KLONP

KLO  
MP

RRR

GROOAA

RRR

WELL,  
DRAGULESCU  
IS ABOVE US,  
SO...

WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO?



YOU  
GOT  
IT!

KLO  
CLEAR  
A PATH!

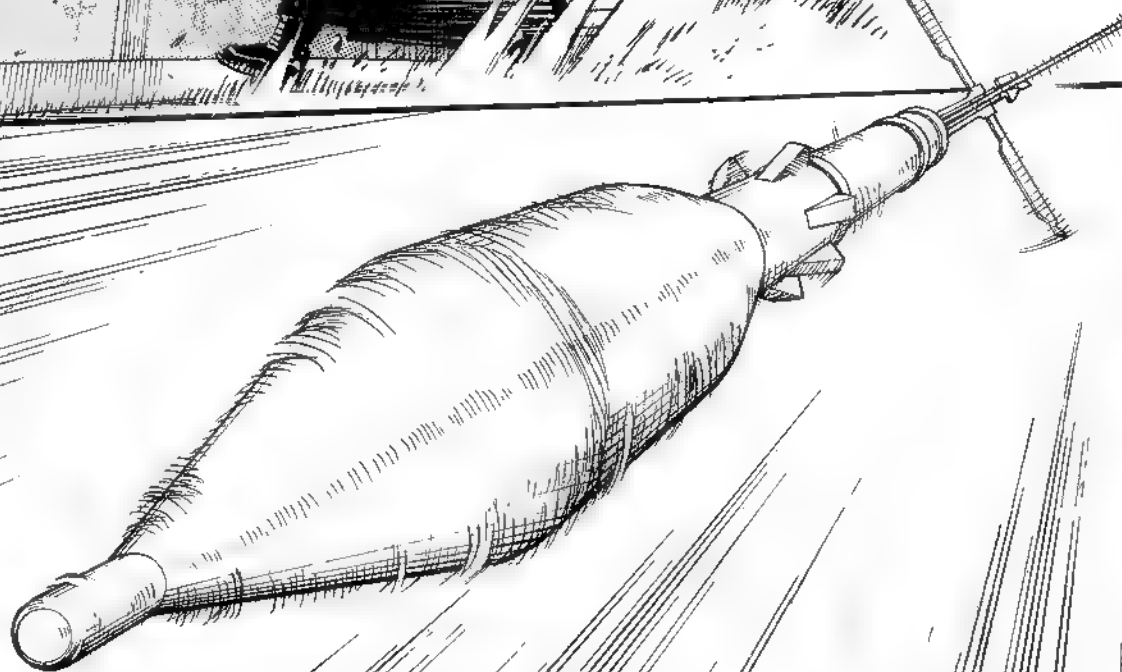


I  
RECOMMEND  
DISMISSING  
YOUR  
FAMILIARS.

AT LEAST,  
THAT'S WHAT  
*I'D* DO.

?!



















....!!



THE  
LAST 15  
YEARS...

I WORKED IN  
COOPERATION  
WITH MISUMI,  
A FORMER  
SCIENTIST FROM  
SECTION 13.

...I HAVE  
RESEARCHED  
**ENHANCED  
ANTI-DEMON  
COMPOUNDS**  
UNDER TOP-  
SECRET ORDERS  
FROM  
MEPHISTO.



B-BUT  
ARUMAHHEL'S  
POWER IS  
HARMFUL TO  
HUMANS, SO WE  
WEAKEN IT WITH  
HOLY WATER.

DOES  
IT HAVE ANY  
EFFECT ON  
HUMANS?



THE GRENADES  
IN THIS ROCKET  
LAUNCHER CONTAIN  
PRESSURIZED BLACK  
FLAME GENERATED  
BY THE ARUMAHHEL  
CRYSTAL USED TO  
PRODUCE HOLY  
WATER.

...AND THE LOSS  
OF UNITY WITHIN  
IT RESULTS IN  
COMPLETE  
DESTRUCTION.

UPON IMPACT,  
THEY DISPEL  
THE IDENTITY  
OF THE  
POSSESSING  
DEMON...



...LEAVING  
THE REST  
TO ME  
AS HIS  
ASSISTANT.

MISUMI DID  
GOOD WORK,  
BUT HE DIED  
BEFORE IT WAS  
COMPLETE...



NOT AS LONG  
AS THEY DON'T  
TOUCH IT DIRECTLY  
OR EXPOSE  
THEMSELVES  
TO IT FOR LONG  
PERIODS OF  
TIME.

HUMAN IDENTITY  
BINDS TO THINGS  
MORE STRONGLY  
THAN DEMONS CAN.



IT'S AN  
ASTOUNDING  
INVENTION.

DOES THIS  
MEAN I  
MISJUDGED  
YOU?

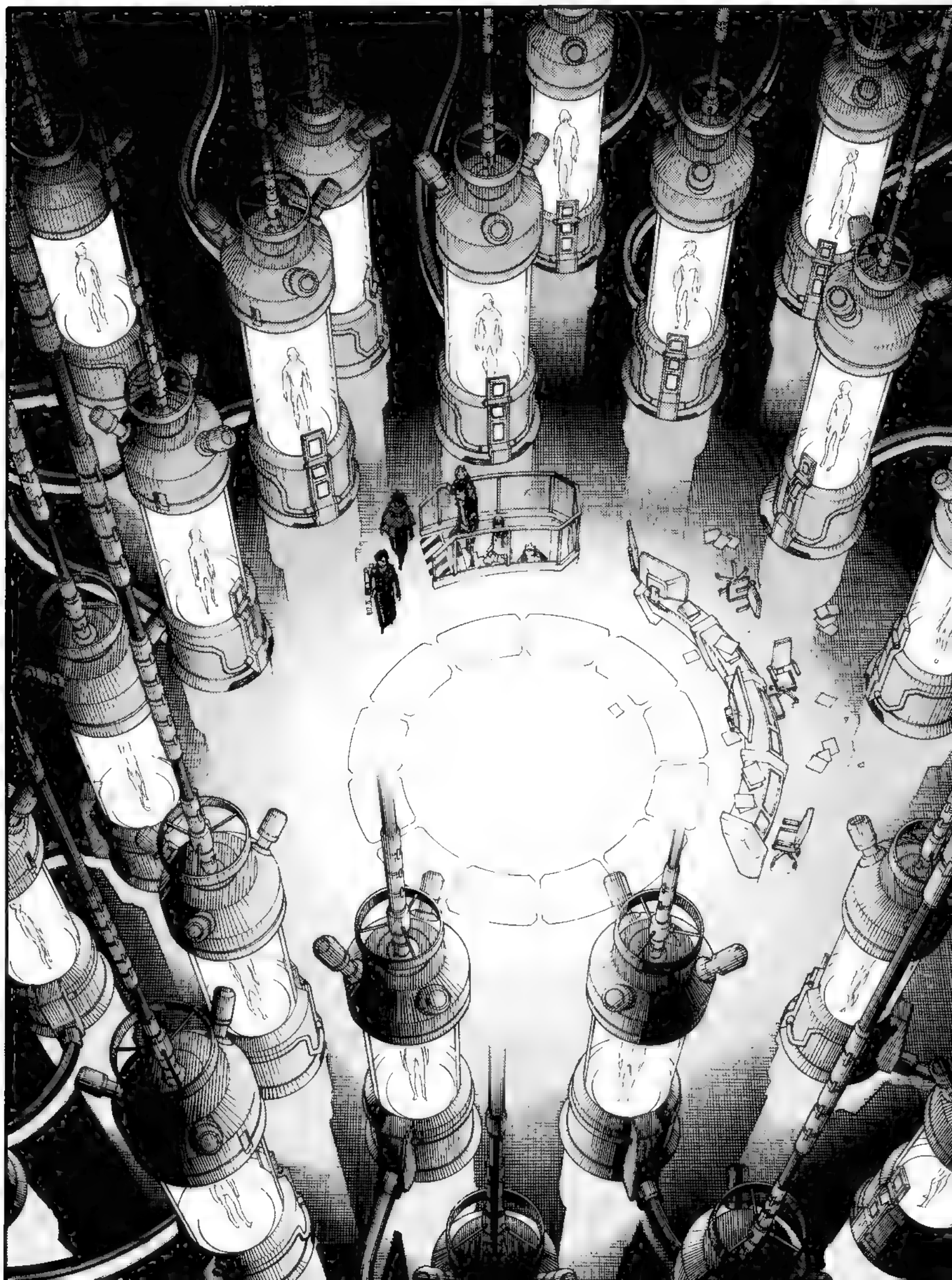
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WE HAVEN'T  
MASS-PRODUCED  
THE GRENADES,  
SO THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
LEFT.

HMPH!

THERE IS  
NO NEED  
FOR  
PRAISE.







I TH-  
THINK  
THEY'RE  
CLONES.

FROM THE  
AZAZEL AND  
LUCIFER  
GROUPS.

NO.

FLN

WAH!!

WHAT'S  
THAT?!

WHAT  
IS THIS  
PLACE?

LOOK  
CLOSELY.

CLONES  
GROWN IN THE  
WOMB SHOWED  
INDIVIDUAL  
TRAITS THE WAY  
SIBLINGS MIGHT...

...BUT NOT  
THESE.

SPSSS

BWUPPP

FRESHH

THE CELLS ARE  
GROWING WITH  
INCREDIBLE  
SPEED.



IT APPEARS  
THE ELIXIR  
RESEARCH  
FINALLY CAME  
TO FRUITION.

...

...THAT  
MAKES  
USE OF  
THE  
**ELIXIRS.**

THE MEDIUM  
IS A SPECIAL  
SOLUTION...



...OF  
**LUCIFER  
OR SATAN.**

THIS IS A  
**PERFECT  
REPLICANT...**

?!



LIGHTNING  
?!



...I GET  
THAT DRAC  
DRAGULESCU  
IS A TRAITOR,  
BUT...

I  
MEAN  
...

HEY!

NO...

...WAIT.  
I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND.

OF  
**SATAN  
?!!**



LIGHTNING!



IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
SOMEONE  
JUST EMPTIED  
IT IN A HURRY.

THIS EMPTY  
TANK ISN'T  
LIKE THE  
OTHERS.

THE  
FLOOR IS  
WET.







LIGHTNING...



IT APPEARS  
HE DIVERTED  
THE CURSE OF  
BEHEADING  
ELSEWHERE  
AND REMOVED  
THE BELL.



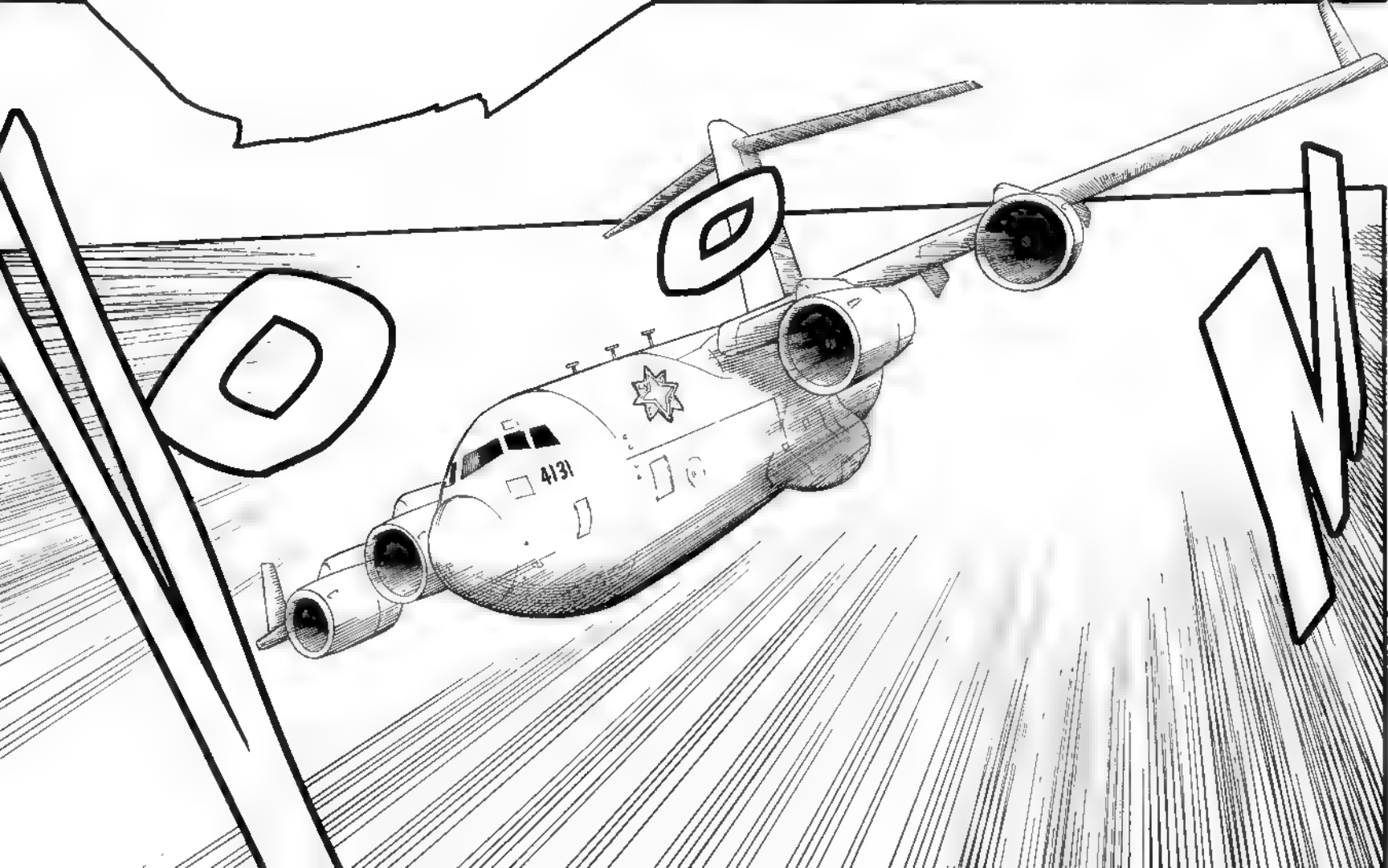
AND I  
FAILED.

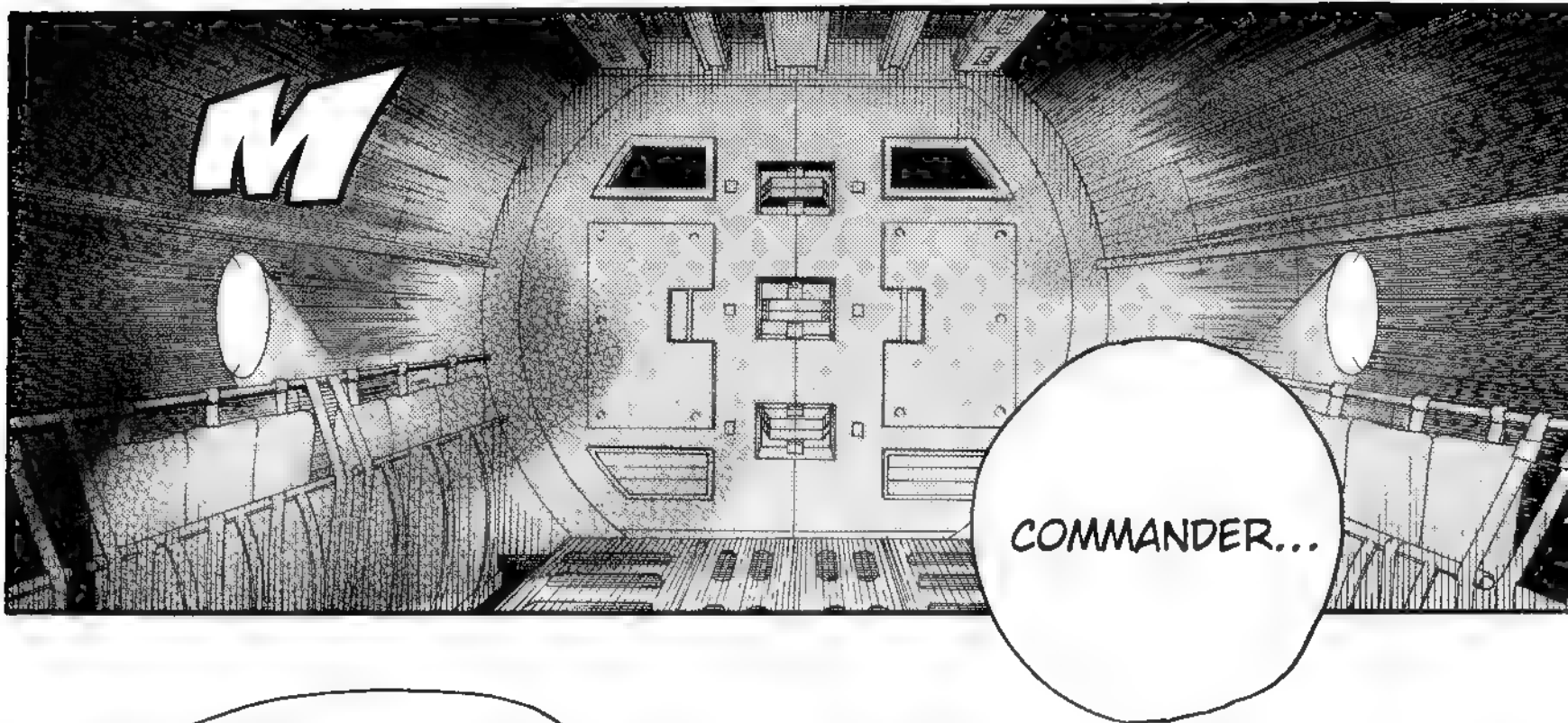
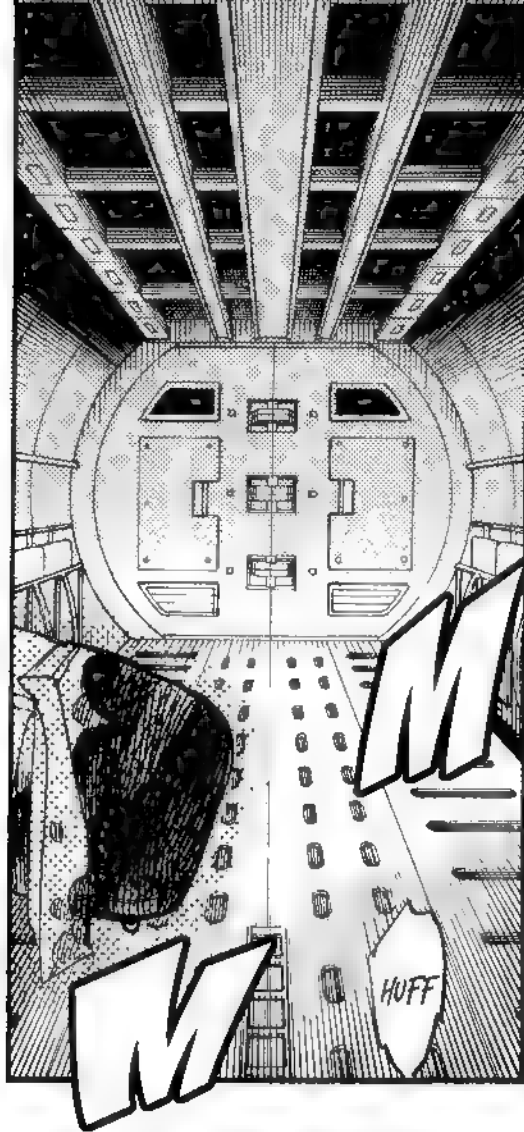


HE GOT  
AWAY.

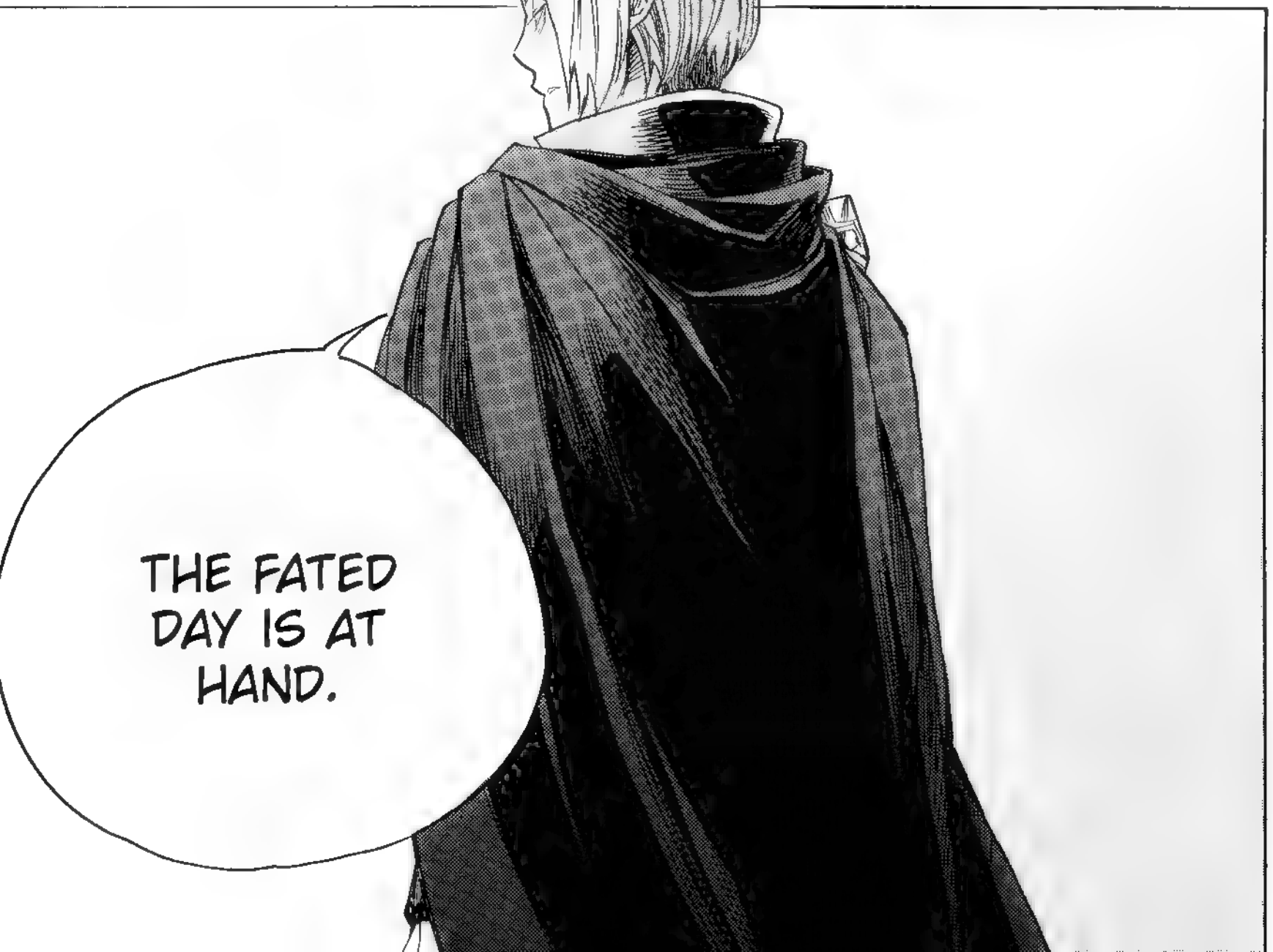


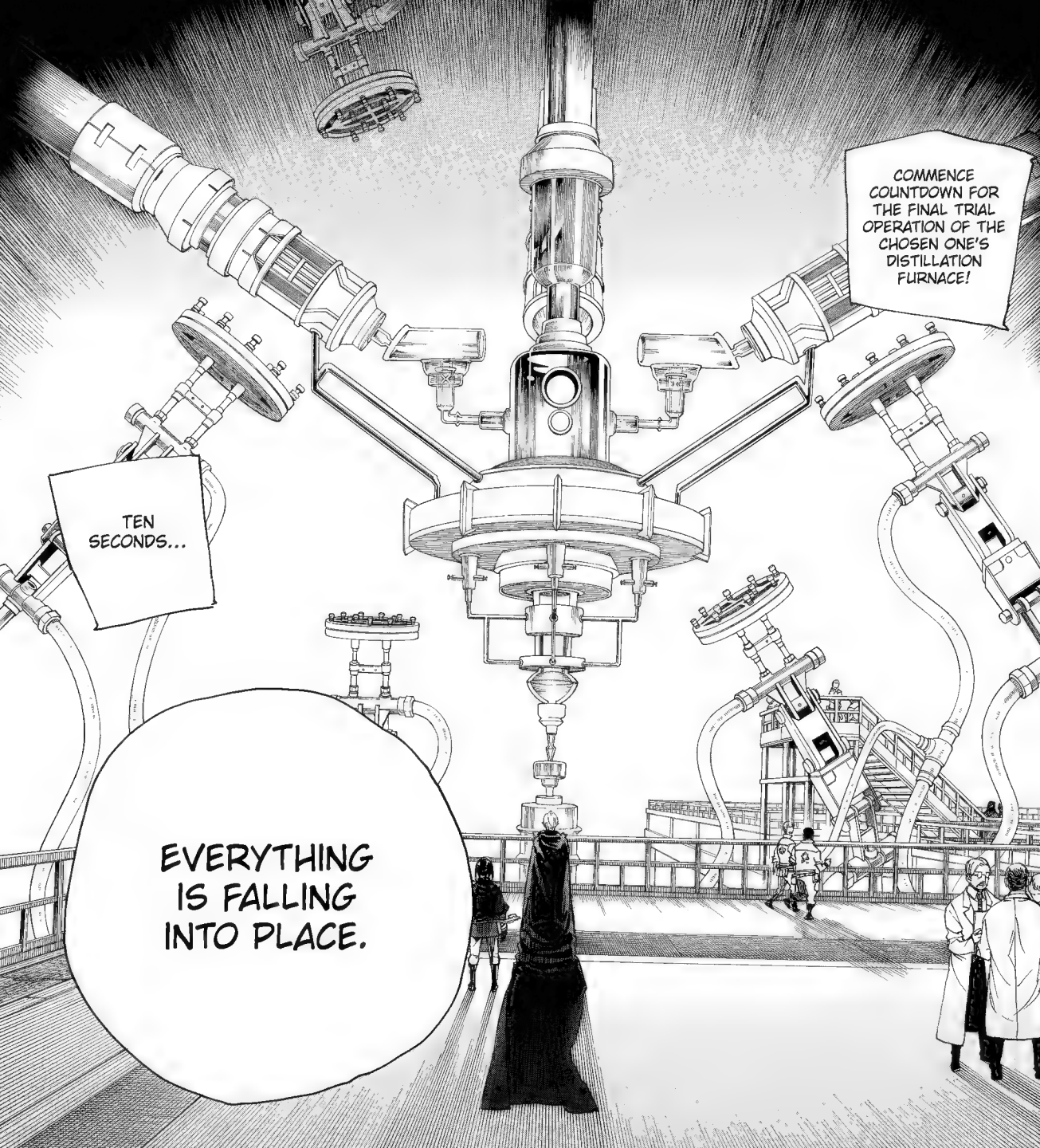
**DAMMIT!**











COMMENCE  
COUNTDOWN FOR  
THE FINAL TRIAL  
OPERATION OF THE  
CHOSEN ONE'S  
DISTILLATION  
FURNACE!

TEN  
SECONDS...

EVERYTHING  
IS FALLING  
INTO PLACE.

AND IT IS  
IMPORTANT...

...THAT HE  
WITNESS  
EVENTS AS  
THEY UNFOLD.






# CHAPTER 113: SSC40:00D

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT.




DRAGULESCU  
IS A TRAITOR!





WE MUST FIND HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT DRAGULESCU COMPLETED SATAN'S VESSEL FOR POSSESSION BEFORE HE FLED.



I UNDERSTAND. I MYSELF ONLY HALF BELIEVED IT.

IF YOU HADN'T COOPERATED WITH LIGHTNING, THE SITUATION WOULD BE WORSE.

YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.




SEARCH FOR ANY CLUES TO DRAGULESCU'S WHEREABOUTS.

I WILL IMMEDIATELY DISPATCH AN INVESTIGATIVE TEAM.



HE DESERVES OUR TRUST.

LIGHTNING HAS PROVEN IT.



... BUT I STILL REJECT THAT NONSENSE ABOUT ME BEING A CLONE!!





I DON'T  
KNOW.

THE ONLY  
THING I  
CAN DO  
NOW IS  
WAIT.

WAIT?



ISN'T  
THERE  
ANOTHER  
WAY?

PULL  
YOURSELF  
TOGETHER,  
LIGHTNING.



AHH...

GODS,  
ANCESTORS,  
SPIRITS...  
PLEASE, COME TO  
MY AID. HECK,  
EVEN *CUPID*  
WOULD DO!!

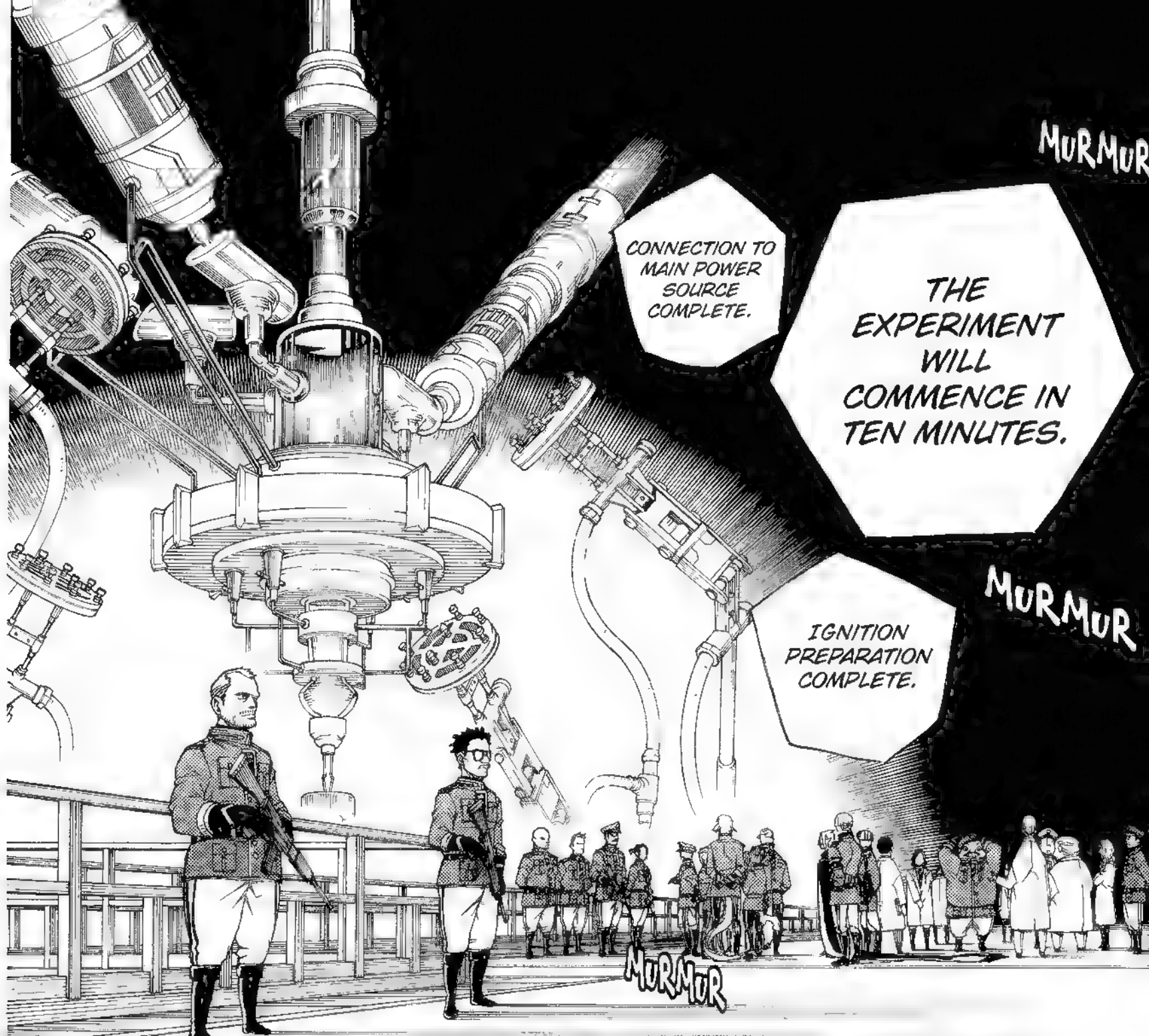
ARE YOU  
REALLY THIS  
GUY'S  
APPRENTICE?

...



THE CENTRAL  
CHAMBER HAS  
SUFFICIENT  
VOLTAGE AND IS  
FUNCTIONING  
PROPERLY.





CONNECTION TO  
MAIN POWER  
SOURCE  
COMPLETE.

THE  
EXPERIMENT  
WILL  
COMMENCE IN  
TEN MINUTES.

IGNITION  
PREPARATION  
COMPLETE.



I AM SO  
HAPPY.



...BUT NOW  
I'M PART OF  
THIS AMAZING  
ACHIEVEMENT!

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN A  
NOBODY...

P  
L  
I  
P

I WISH MY  
BROTHER AND  
FATHER WERE  
STILL ALIVE TO  
WITNESS THIS.

COMMENCE  
PREPARATIONS  
FOR LOADING THE  
CHOSEN ONES  
INTO THE ROTARY  
CHAMBER.

THE TIME  
HAS COME.

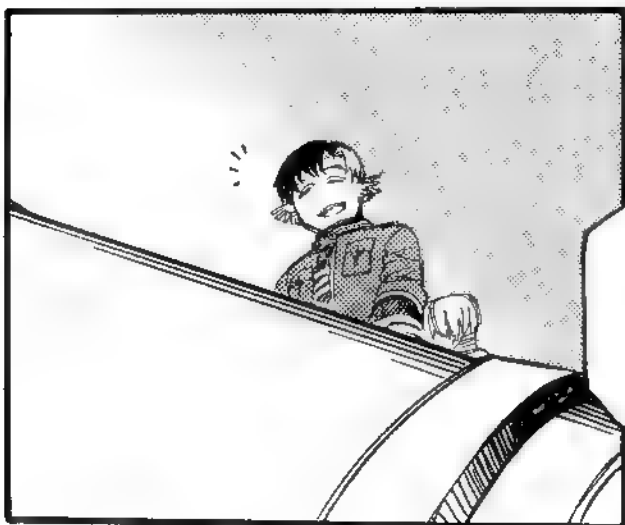
...TO  
CREATE A  
**NEW  
WORLD!**

I BELIEVE  
THAT YOU  
WILL NOT  
FAIL...

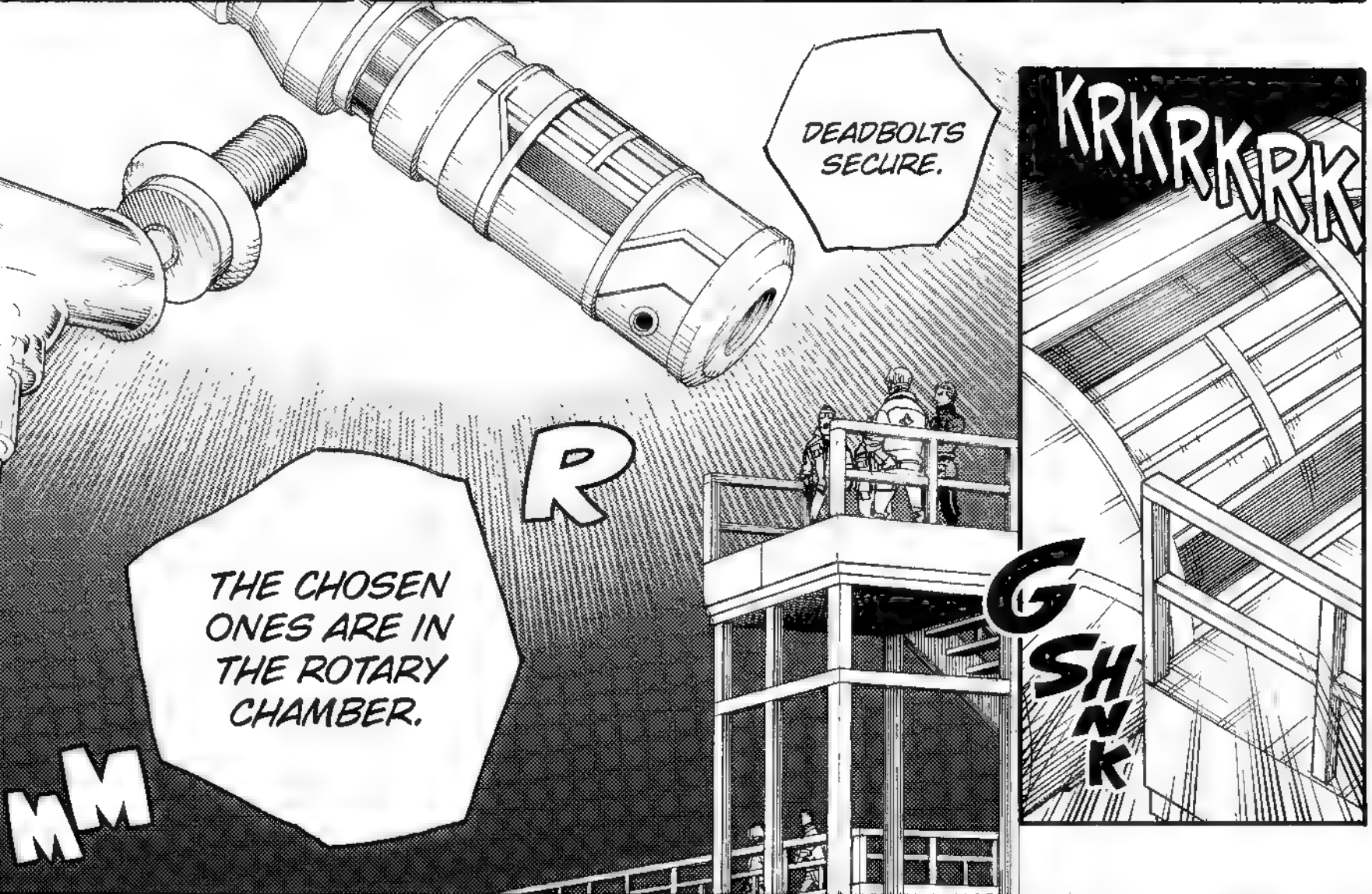
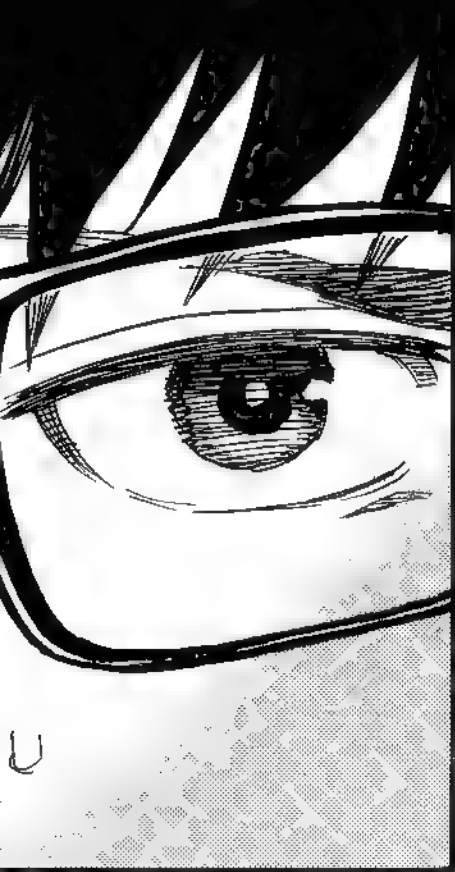
**YES,  
SIR!**

THANK YOU,  
CHOSEN  
ONES.

AND  
GOODBYE.





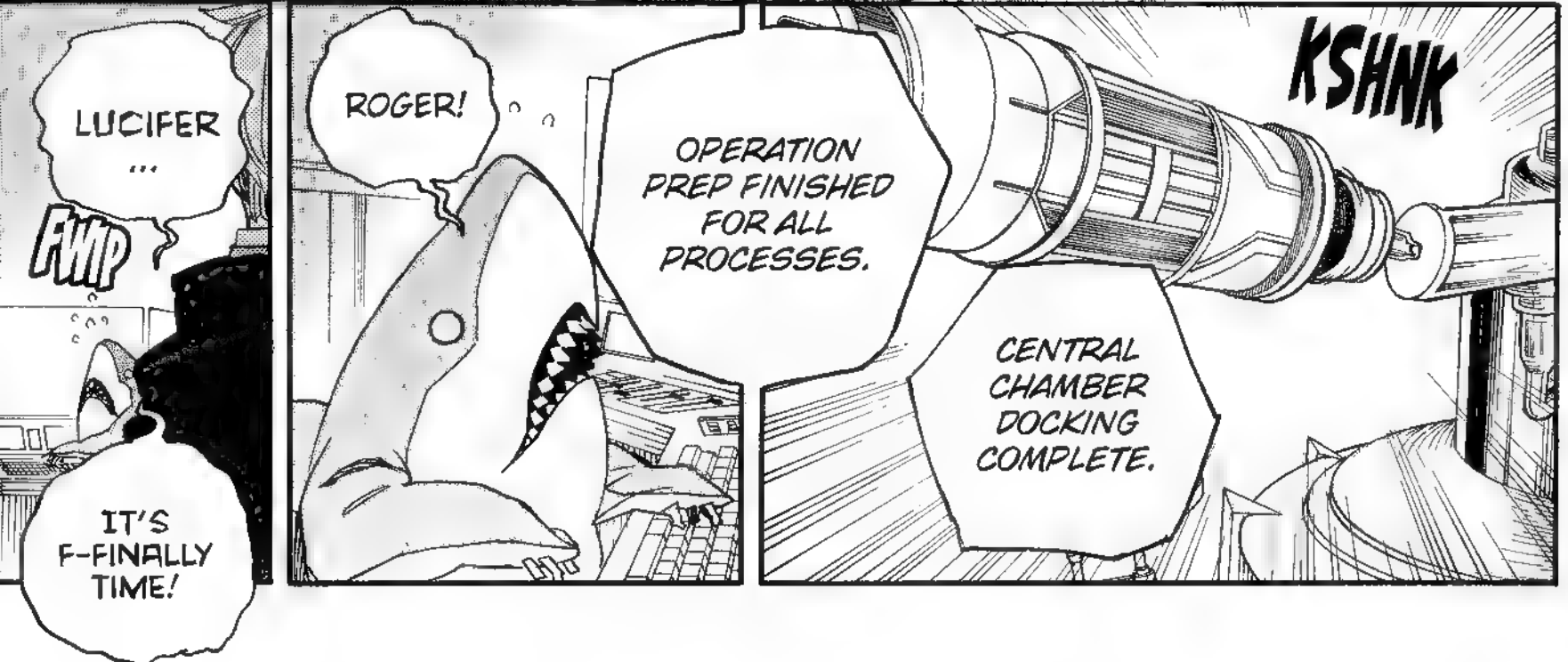


DEADBOLTS  
SECURE.

THE CHOSEN  
ONES ARE IN  
THE ROTARY  
CHAMBER.

KRKRRK

G  
SH  
N  
K



LUCIFER  
...

ROGER!

OPERATION  
PREP FINISHED  
FOR ALL  
PROCESSES.

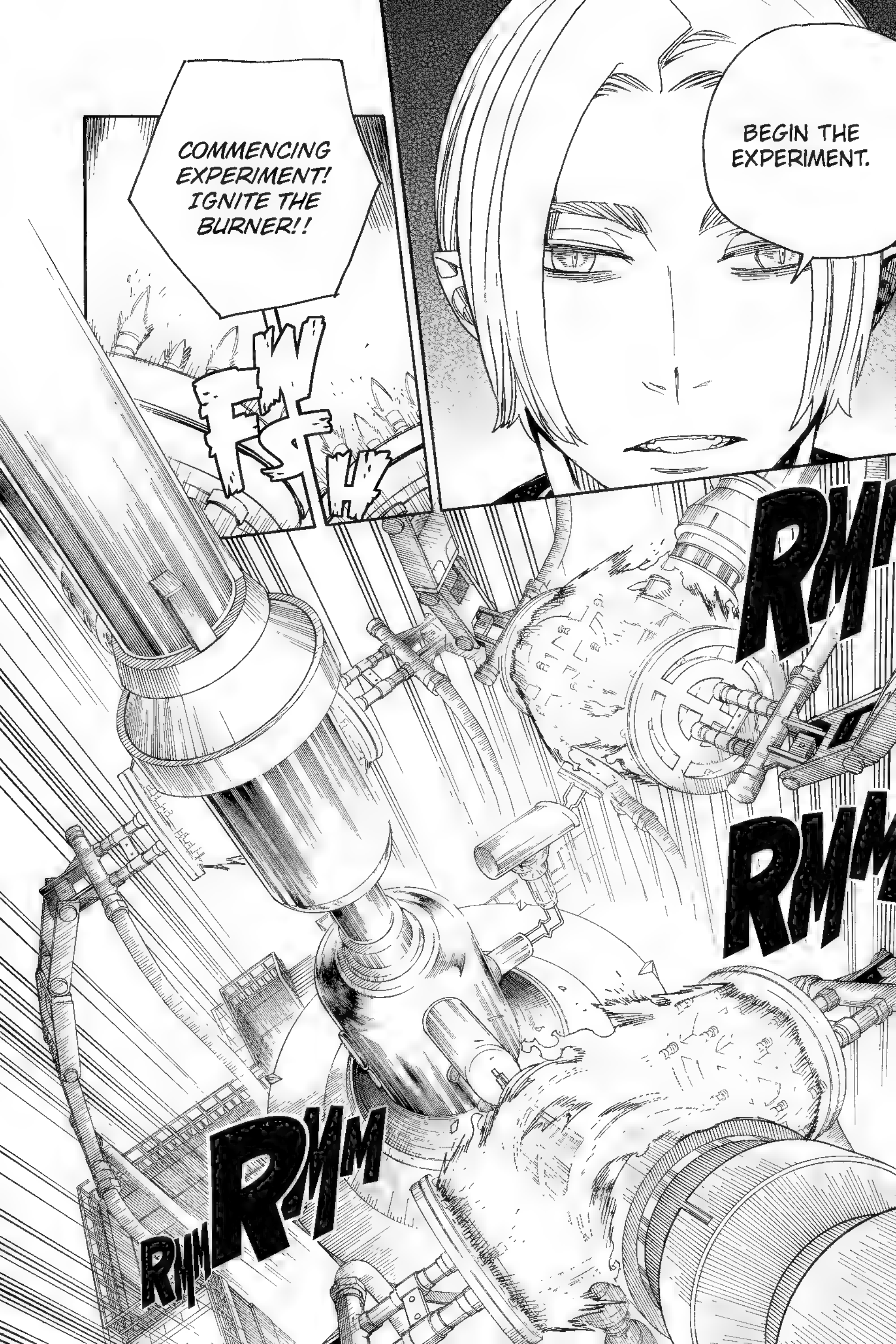
CENTRAL  
CHAMBER  
DOCKING  
COMPLETE.

KSHNK

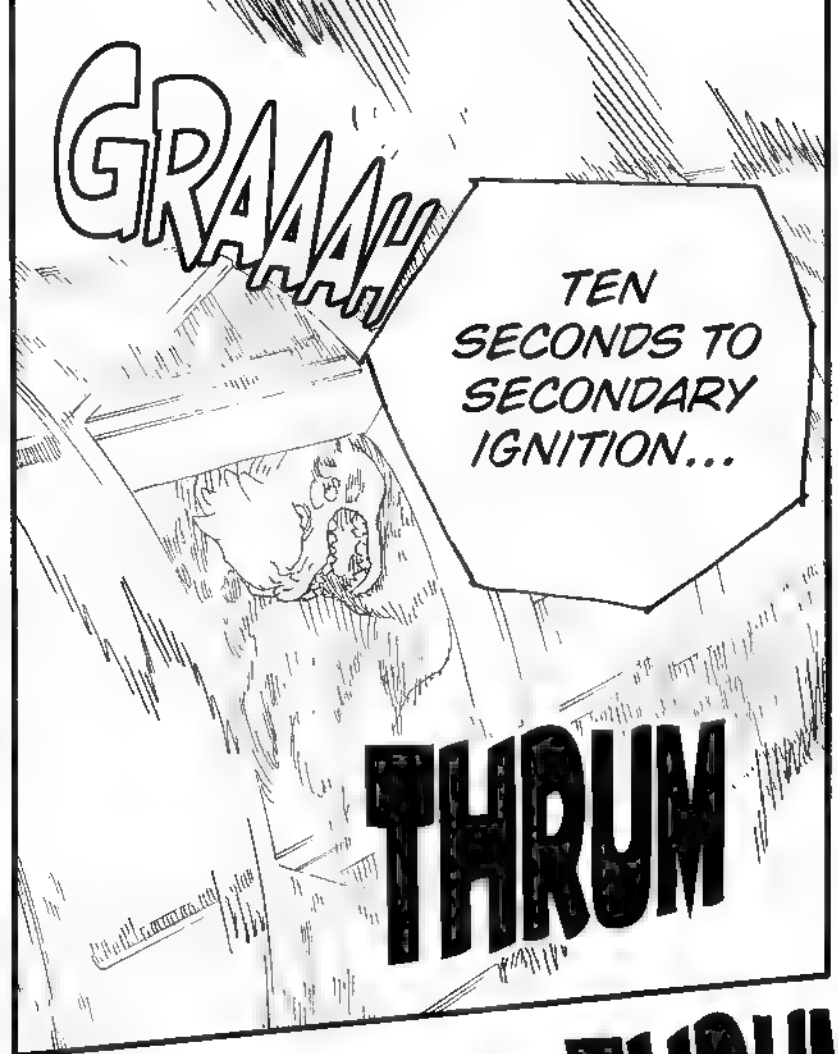
IT'S  
F-FINALLY  
TIME!

COMMENCING  
EXPERIMENT!  
IGNITE THE  
BURNER!!

BEGIN THE  
EXPERIMENT.











**OUROBOROS**  
...

**...PHOENIX...**

**...AND  
HYDRA!**

**...THEREBY  
EVENTUALLY  
ACHIEVING THE  
ULTIMATE  
REGENERATIVE  
ABILITY.**

**YUP!**

**WE REPEATEDLY  
UPGRADED THEM VIA  
FORCED POSSESSION  
BY NEARLY ALL  
SPECIES OF DEMON,  
STARTING WITH  
THOSE HIGH IN  
REGENERATION...**

**ANYONE WHO  
COULD HANDLE  
BEING THEIR  
VESSEL IS THE  
CHOSEN OF THE  
CHOSEN!!**

**...ALLOWING  
FOR UNLIMITED  
CELL DIVISION—  
OR *TELOMERE!***

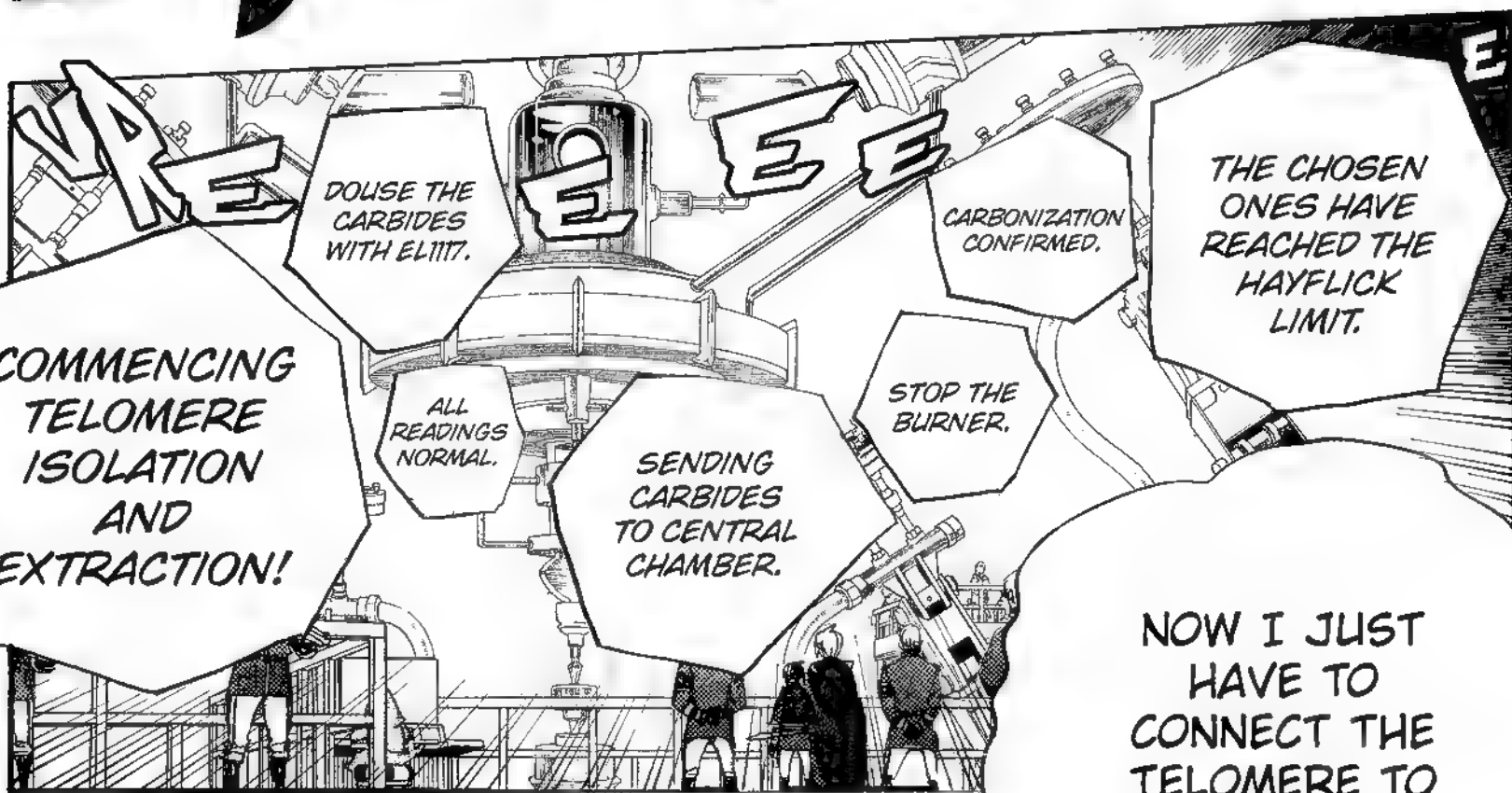
**THEIR CELLS  
CAN WITHSTAND  
POSSESSION BY  
ALL KINDS OF  
DEMONS...**



THIS DISTILLATION FURNACE WILL SEPARATE THE DEMONS FROM THE CHOSEN ONES...

...AND LITTERLY CARBONIZE THEM.

DM DM



COMMENCING TELOMERE ISOLATION AND EXTRACTION!

DOLUSE THE CARBIDES WITH EL1117.

ALL READINGS NORMAL.

SENDING CARBIDES TO CENTRAL CHAMBER.

STOP THE BURNER.

CARBONIZATION CONFIRMED.

THE CHOSEN ONES HAVE REACHED THE HAYFLICK LIMIT.

NOW I JUST HAVE TO CONNECT THE TELOMERE TO THE RING!!



THAT'S FINE.

AGH! THERE ARE FEWER THAN I THOUGHT.

I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ENOUGH FOR TWO.

TAK TAK TAK

THE  
FATEFUL  
MOMENT IS  
AT HAND.

WE MERELY  
NEED  
ENOUGH FOR  
FATHER.

LUCIFER  
...

BE PATIENT  
JUST A  
LITTLE  
LONGER...

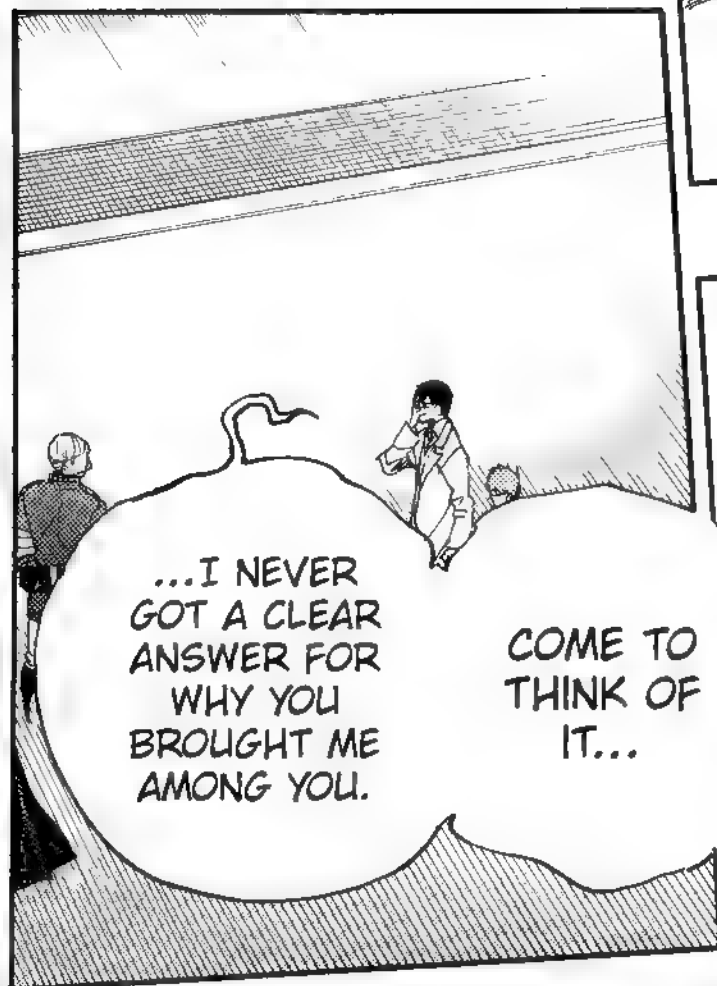
...FATHER.

?!?

JO

LT







OH?



DID YOU KNOW?  
LAST YEAR, I  
RECEIVED AN  
INVITATION TO A  
SENIOR-LEVEL  
CONFERENCE AT  
VATICAN  
HEADQUARTERS.



COME OUT,  
COME OUT,  
COME OUT...

PLEASE,  
COME  
ON...  
COME OUT,  
PLEASE...



AND I ANSWERED  
QUESTIONS  
ABOUT TODO, A  
SUSPECTED  
MEMBER OF YOUR  
ORGANIZATION.

...WE DISCUSSED  
MEASURES FOR  
COUNTERACTING  
THE *ILLUMINATI*.

IT HARDLY  
MATTERS  
NOW, BUT...



COME!







"LIGHTNING SAID  
THAT IF YOU GET IN  
A JAM, THE  
CONTRACT CAN  
SERVE AS..."

...A  
WEAPON!"

THIS IS WHAT  
HE WAS  
PLOTING!

LOKAPALA!  
THE GUARDIANS  
OF EAST AND  
NORTHWEST!

VAYU AND  
INDRA!!!!



...THEY'RE  
THE HIGHEST  
LEVEL OF  
DEMON!!

OF ALL THE  
KIN OF  
AZAZEL, THE  
KING OF  
SPIRITS...



WHEN A SIGNEE  
BREAKS THEIR  
PROMISE, DEMONS  
APPEAR  
AUTOMATICALLY  
AND CARRY OUT  
THEIR MASTER'S  
COMMAND.

THE RULES OF  
A CONTRACT  
OF MORINATH  
ARE SIMPLE.



BUT THEIR MASTER  
MAY CHOOSE  
WHETHER THEY KILL  
OR PROTECT THE  
SIGNEE.



I  
THANK  
YOU.

THUS, WE  
SHALL SERVE  
AS YOUR  
FAMILIARS  
UNTIL LEWIN  
RELEASES US  
FROM OUR  
DUTY.

AND I  
ASK  
YOU...

**...TO  
DESTROY  
THIS  
AIRSHIP!!**





WAAAA

RUMBLE

VERY  
WELL,  
LET US  
BEGIN...



...WITH A  
LITTLE  
WARM-  
UP!!!!

RIM

RIM

KRAK

KZAT



**THIS IS  
IT!!!!**

**WH**

JOLT















RMM

HUH?!

RMM

LUNGH ...

BOM

AGH...

RMM

RMM

RMM

!!

FOM

K

STOP!! HE HAS SATAN'S PROTECTION!!

FWSH

FWSH

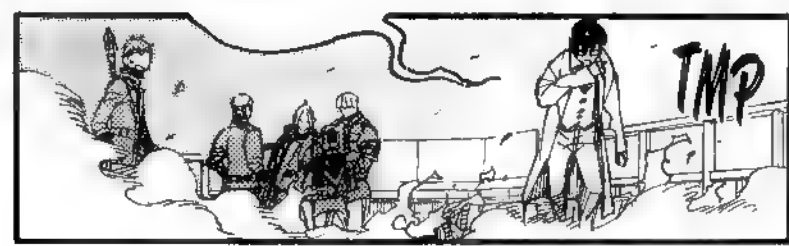
COMMANDER !!!!



DO YOU WANT  
TO DESTROY  
DOMINUS  
LIMINIS?!



I KNEW  
IT. YOU  
CAN'T DO  
IT. TOO  
BAD.



WE MUST  
RETREAT  
TO  
SAFETY!

YOU HURT  
YOURSELF  
DOING  
THAT!

HOMARE  
...

SORRY. I  
FORGOT  
MYSELF...  
KOFF

KOFF KOFF



DA

SH

ARGH! I JUST  
WANNA SIP  
TEA AROUND A  
WARM  
KOTATSU!!

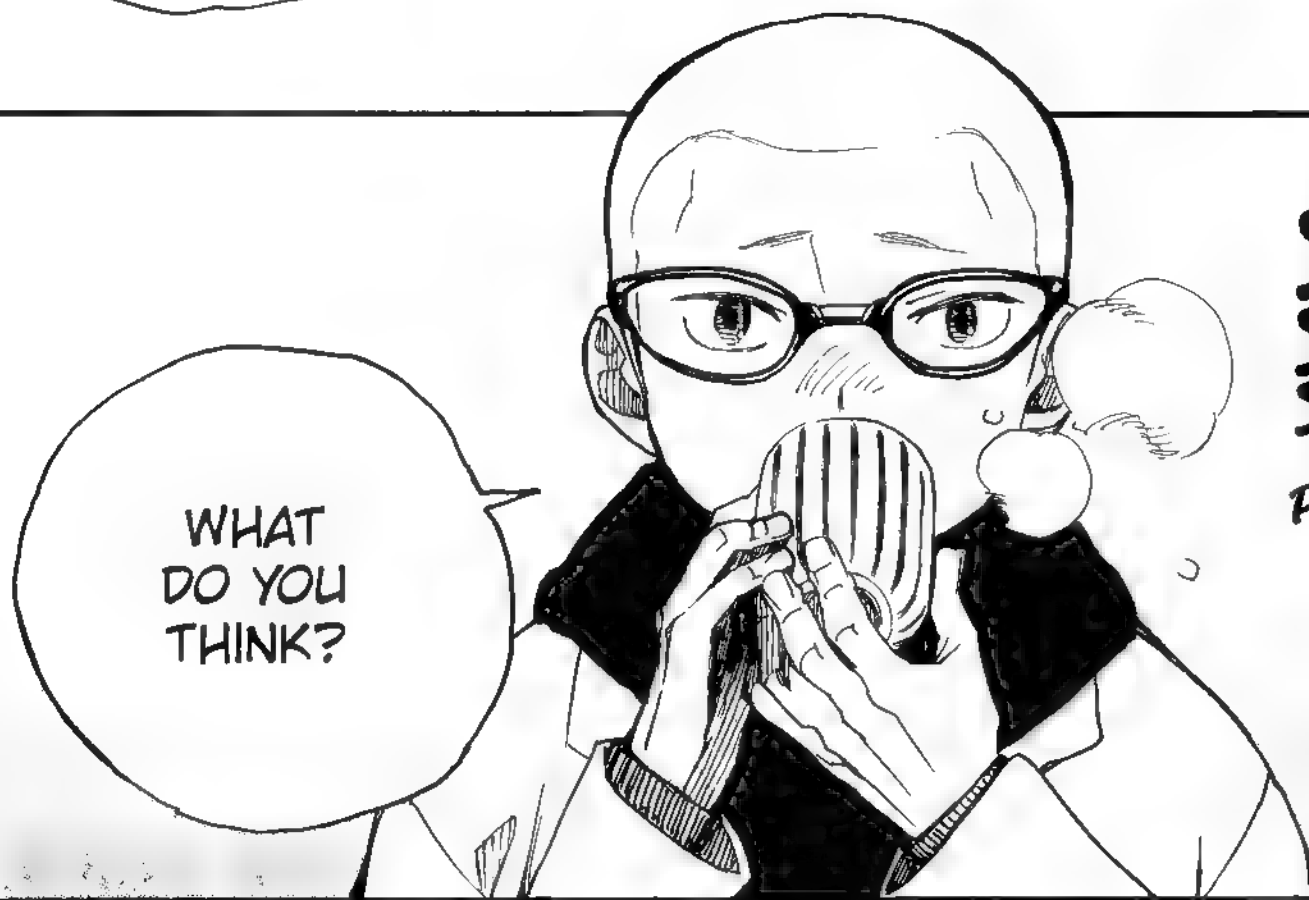
DO I  
HAVE  
TO?!

HUH?!



SHIMA! WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!

GO AFTER  
HIM!!



WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

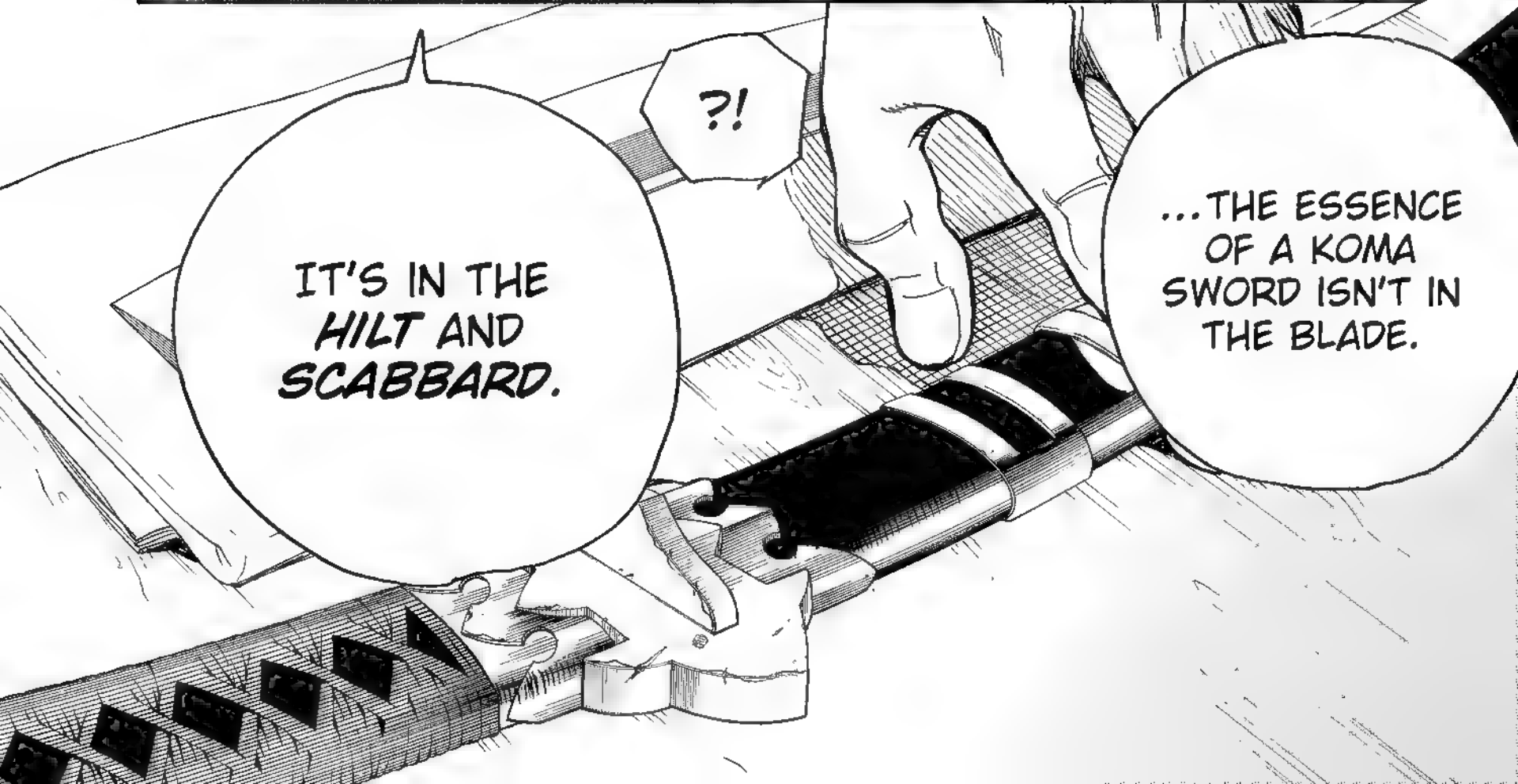
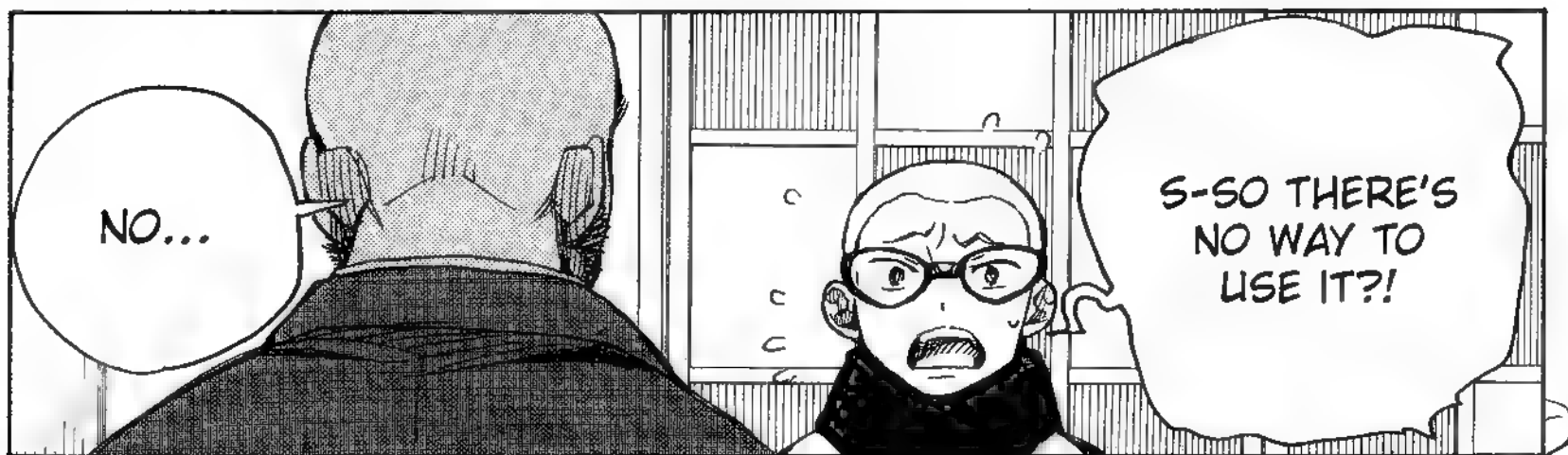
SHIM-A

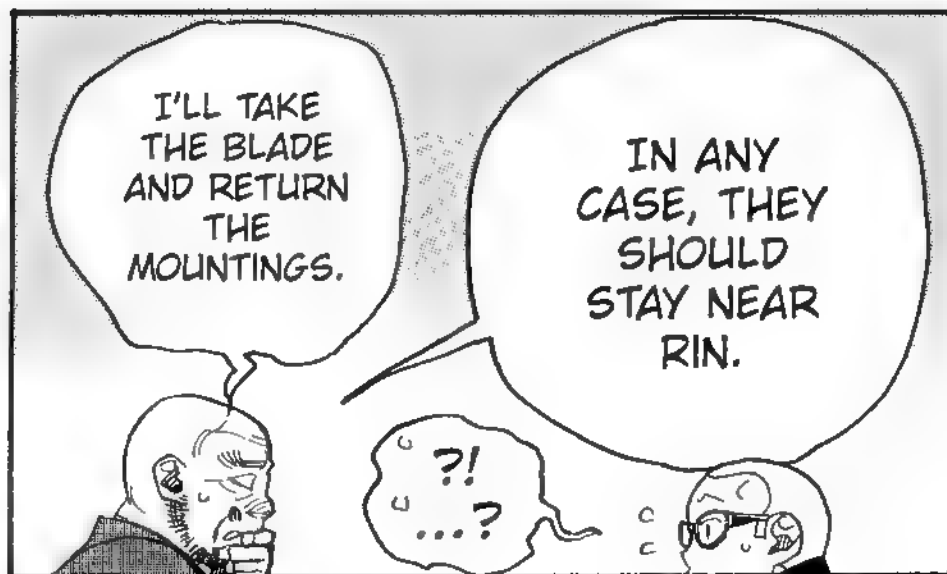


...TO BE  
HONEST...

WELL...













K  
N  
U  
T  
K







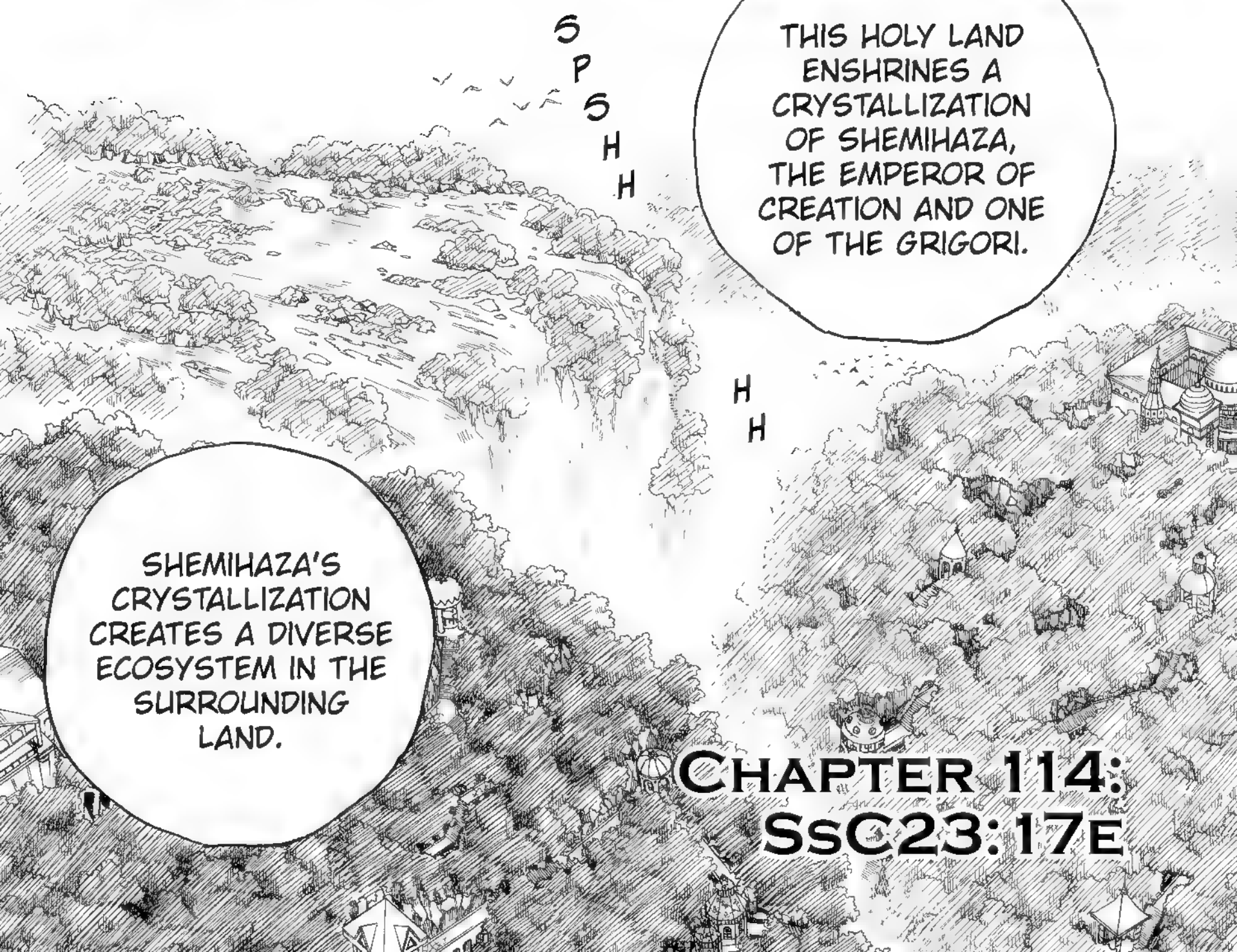




SUBTROPICAL AND  
ALPINE PLANTS  
GROWING IN THE  
SAME PLACE?!



ARE YOU  
SURPRISED?



THIS HOLY LAND  
ENSHRINES A  
CRYSTALLIZATION  
OF SHEMHAZA,  
THE EMPEROR OF  
CREATION AND ONE  
OF THE GRIGORI.

SHEMHAZA'S  
CRYSTALLIZATION  
CREATES A DIVERSE  
ECOSYSTEM IN THE  
SURROUNDING  
LAND.

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AMAHARA...

GASP



...OR  
AMAHARA.



CURRENTLY,  
WE CALL IT  
EL...

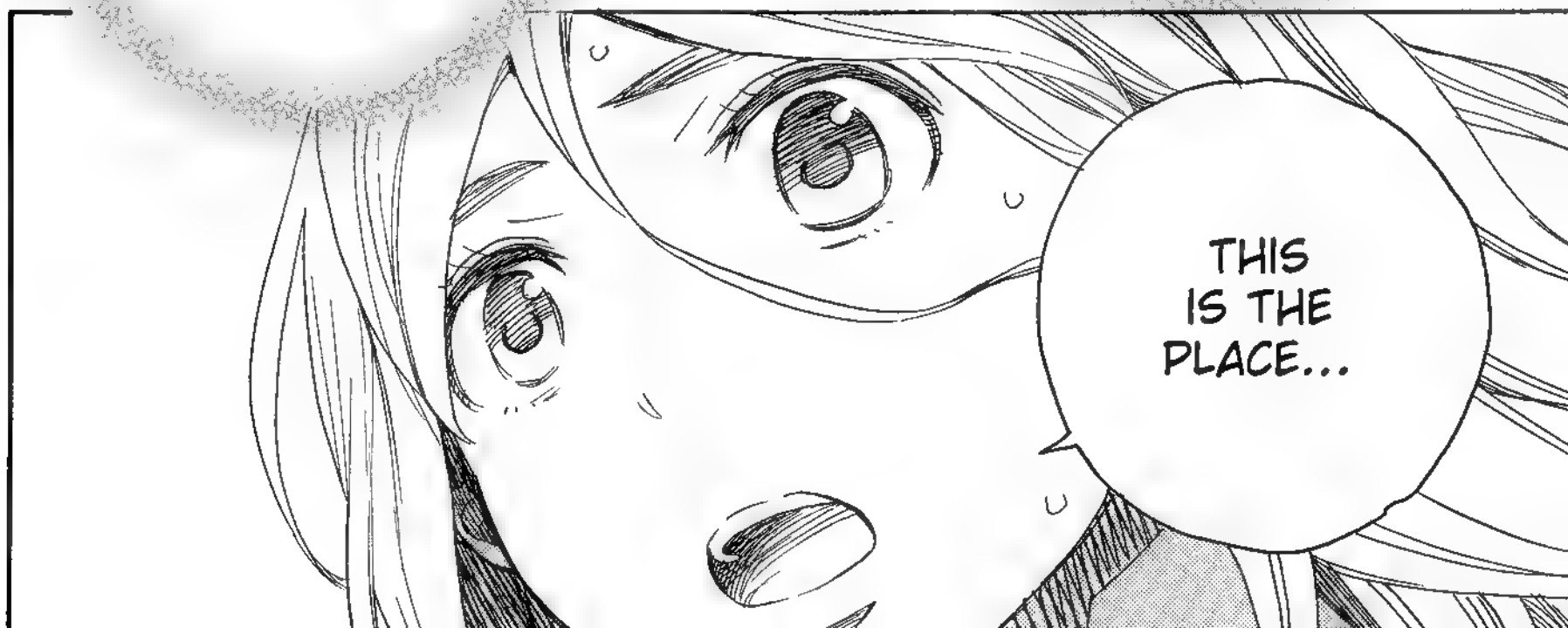
...BUT IT HAS  
BORNE OTHER  
NAMES SUCH  
AS EDEN,  
AVALON AND  
TOGENKYO.

IN JAPAN, IT  
WAS CALLED  
TAKAMA-  
GAHARA...

"YOU CAN GO  
FIND IT WHEN  
YOU GROW  
UP."

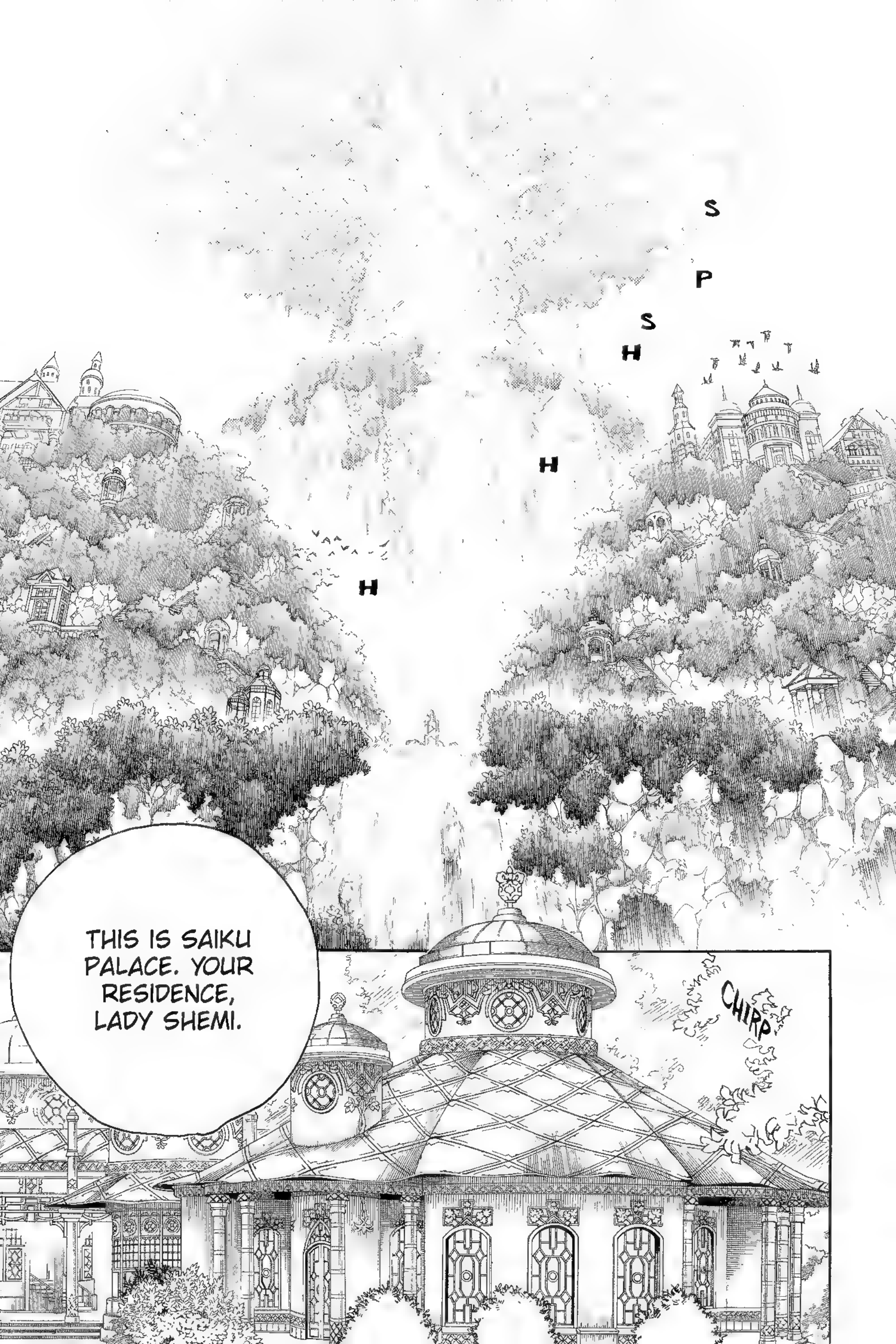


"HAVE YOU  
EVER HEARD  
OF THE  
GARDEN OF  
AMAHARA?"



THIS  
IS THE  
PLACE...





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P

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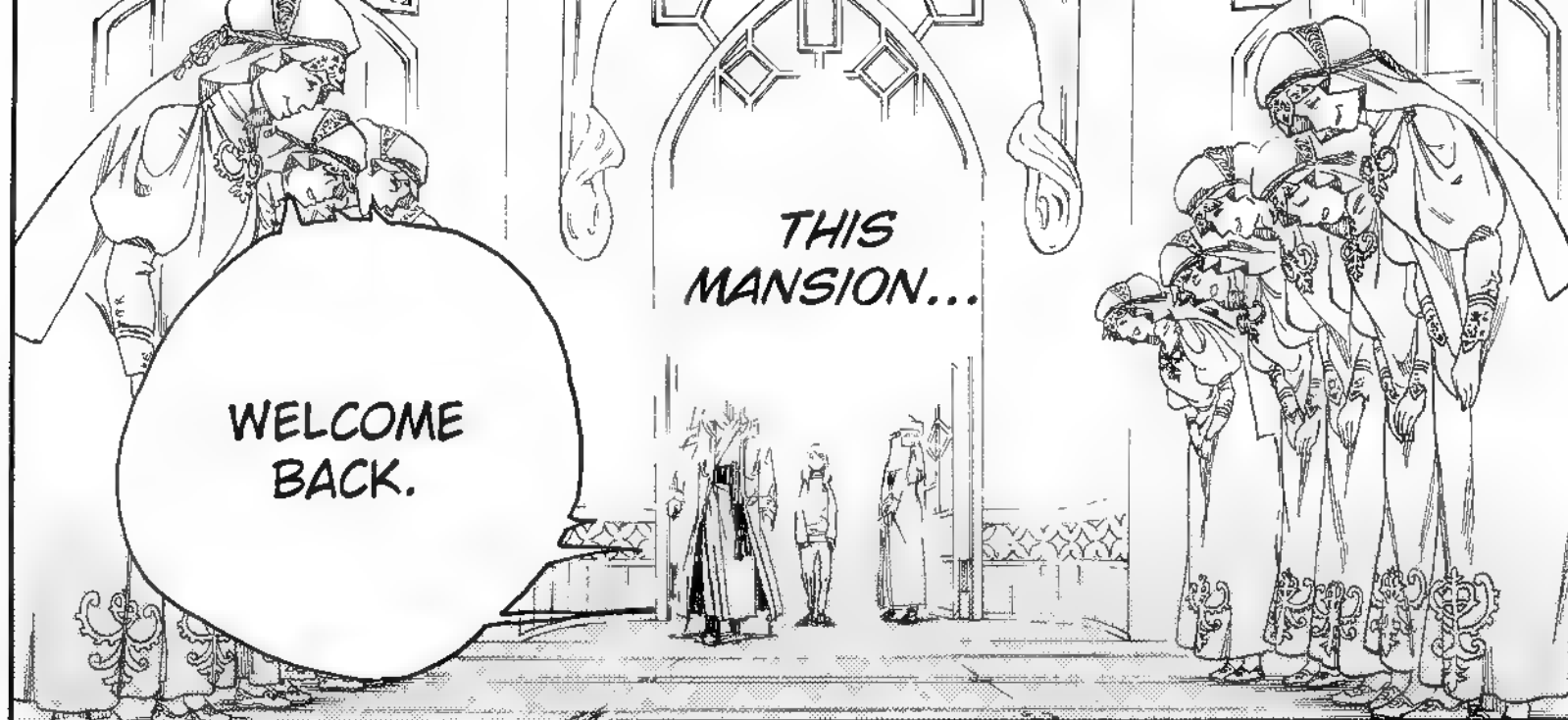
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H

CHIRP

THIS IS SAIKU  
PALACE. YOUR  
RESIDENCE,  
LADY SHEMI.



WELCOME  
BACK.

THIS  
MANSION...



THIS IS  
SCARY...

COME  
THIS WAY,  
LADY  
SHIEMI.



PREPARE  
LADY SHIEMI  
AS  
APPROPRIATE.

I FEEL  
LIKE I  
RECOGNIZE  
IT.

AS YOU  
WISH.



THAT  
CANNOT  
BE.

IT IS THE  
CUSTOM.

I'LL  
DO IT  
ALONE!!

BUT...

HUH?!

...WITH YOUR  
RITUAL  
PURIFICATION.

WE WILL  
HELP...

AND THIS  
ROOM...



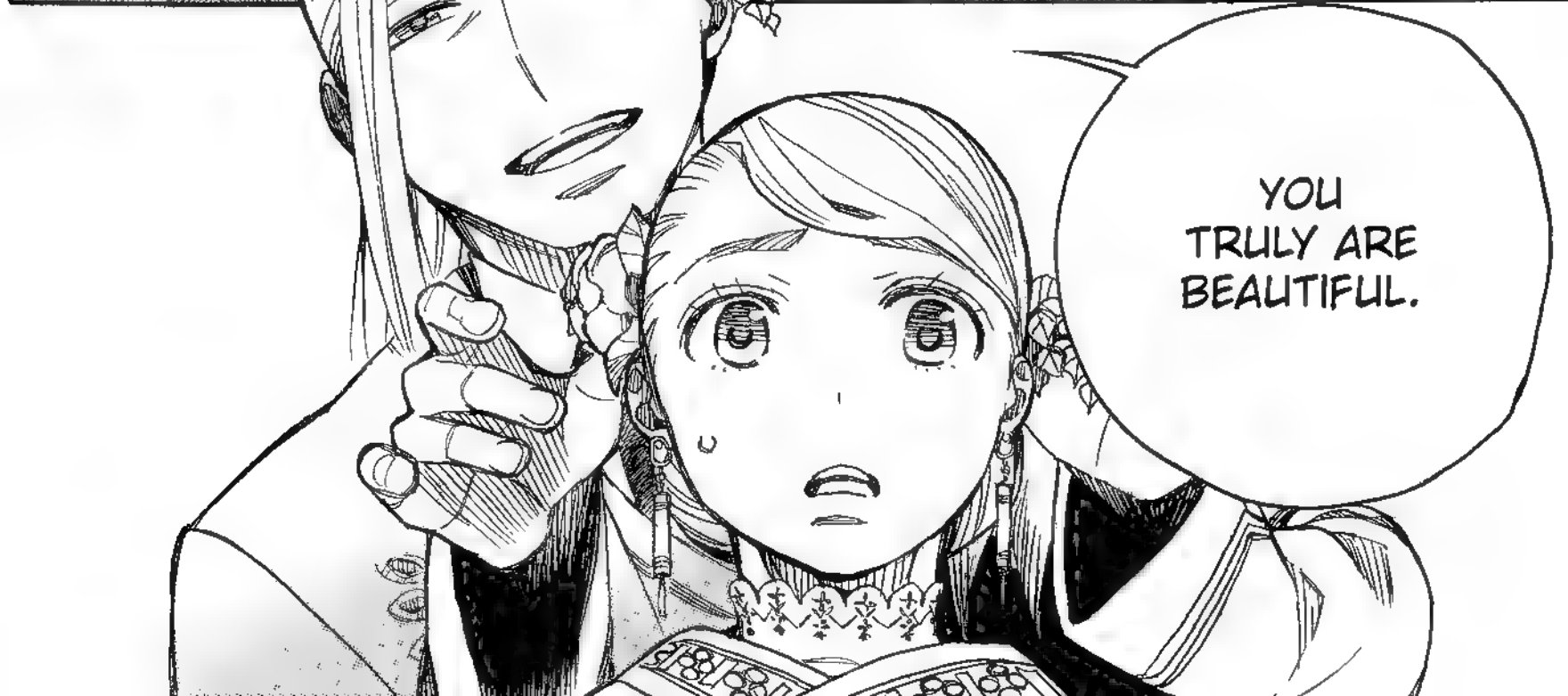
SHUF

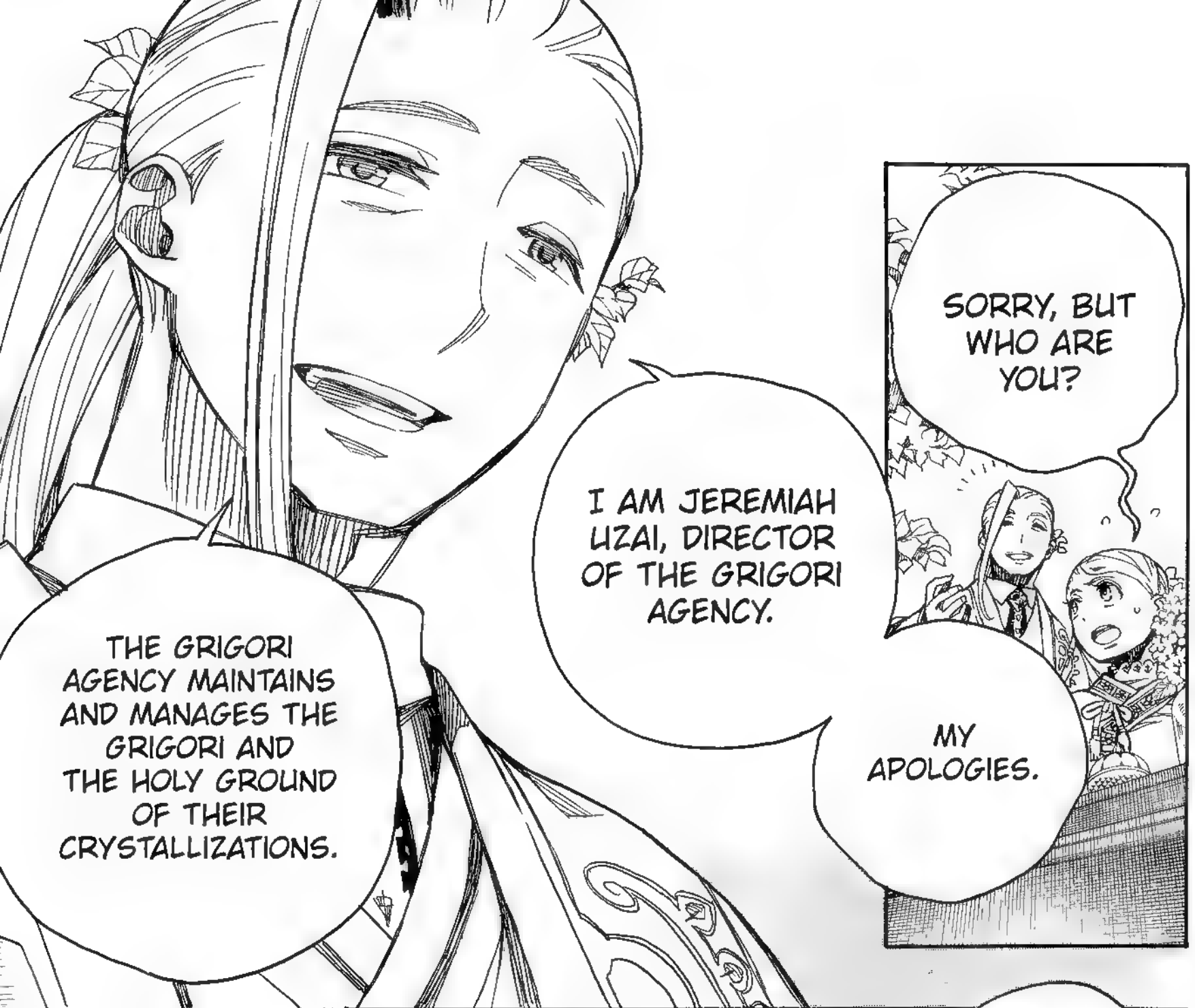
I CAN'T  
CALM DOWN.  
WHY IS  
THAT?

THAT  
SUITS YOU  
WELL!

OH  
MY!





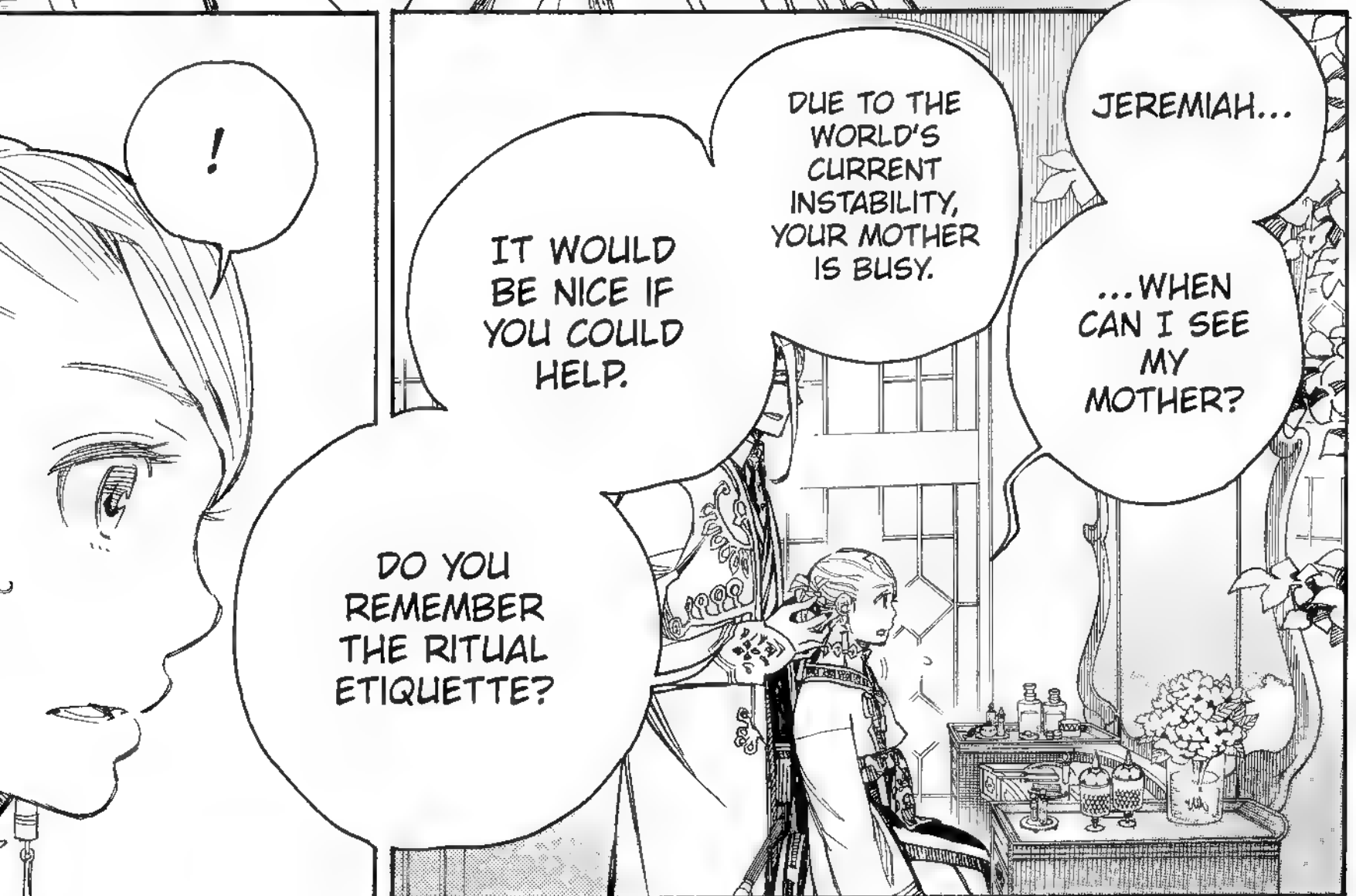


THE GRIGORI  
AGENCY MAINTAINS  
AND MANAGES THE  
GRIGORI AND  
THE HOLY GROUND  
OF THEIR  
CRYSTALLIZATIONS.

I AM JEREMIAH  
UZAI, DIRECTOR  
OF THE GRIGORI  
AGENCY.

SORRY, BUT  
WHO ARE  
YOU?

MY  
APOLOGIES.



!

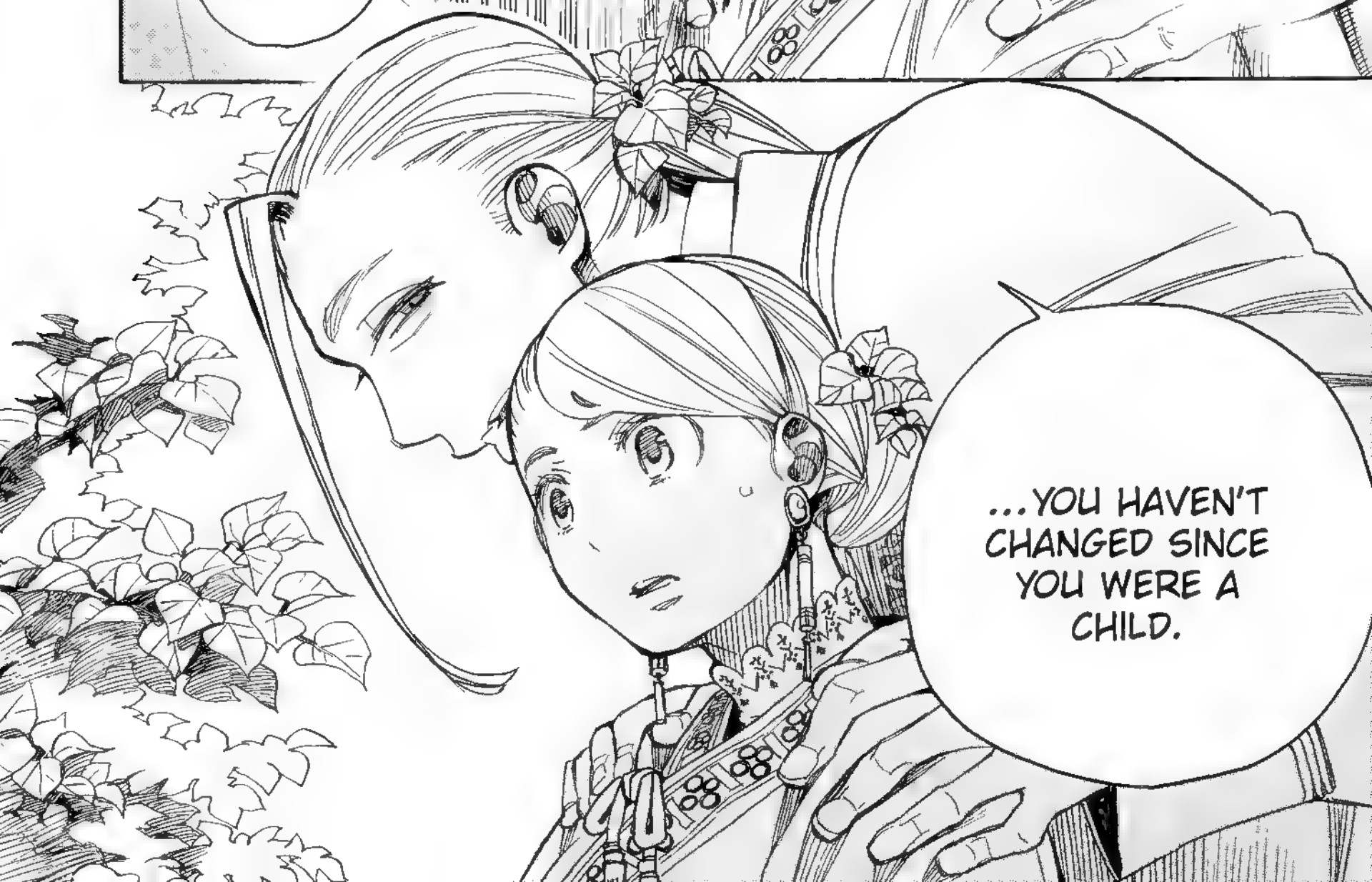
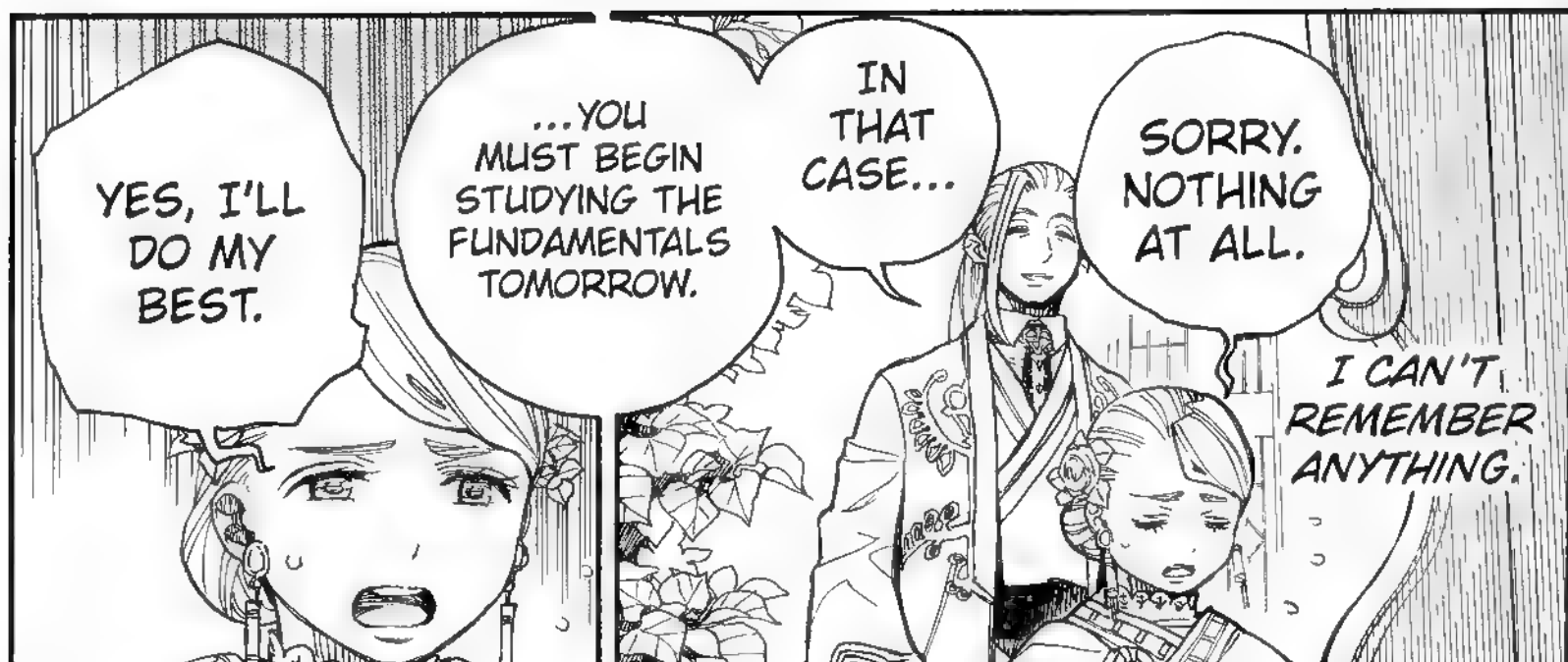
IT WOULD  
BE NICE IF  
YOU COULD  
HELP.

DUE TO THE  
WORLD'S  
CURRENT  
INSTABILITY,  
YOUR MOTHER  
IS BUSY.


JEREMIAH...

...WHEN  
CAN I SEE  
MY  
MOTHER?

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
THE RITUAL  
ETIQUETTE?







A close-up of a character's face, showing wide, expressive eyes and a slightly open mouth. A large question mark is visible on their chest. Two speech bubbles are present: one on the left and one in the center.

YOU DON'T  
REMEMBER,  
SO IT'S ONLY  
NATURAL THAT  
YOU ARE  
INCAPABLE  
NOW.

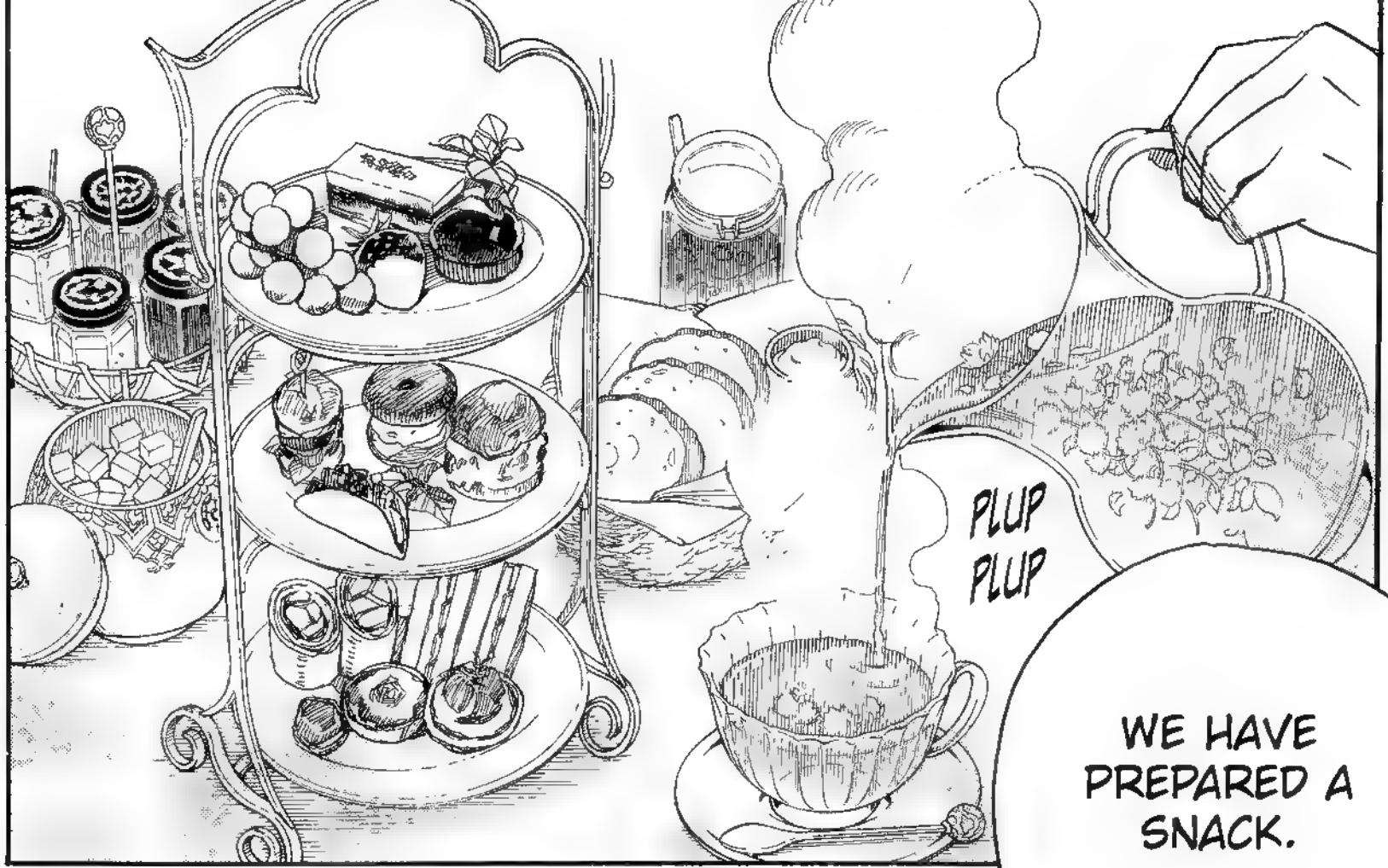
SO DO NOT  
TROUBLE  
YOURSELF.



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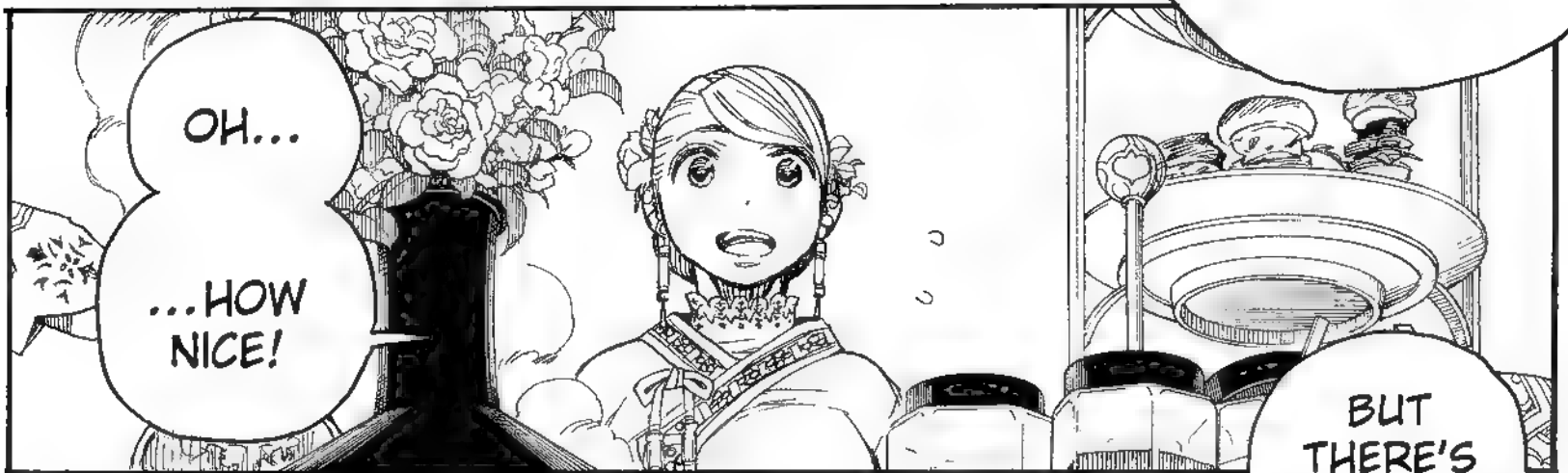
WE WILL  
INSTILL  
**EVERYTHING**  
IN YOU.

HE  
SCARES  
ME!



PLUP  
PLUP

WE HAVE  
PREPARED A  
SNACK.



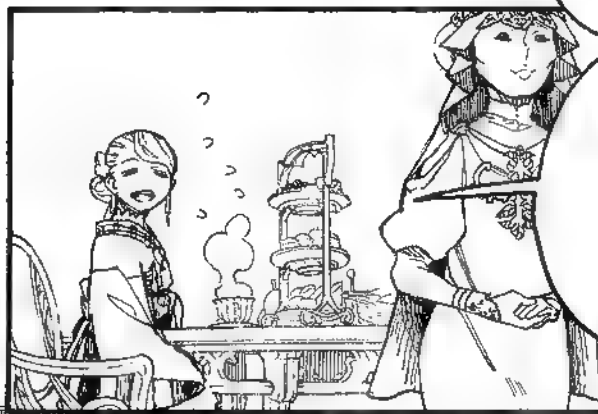
OH...

...HOW  
NICE!

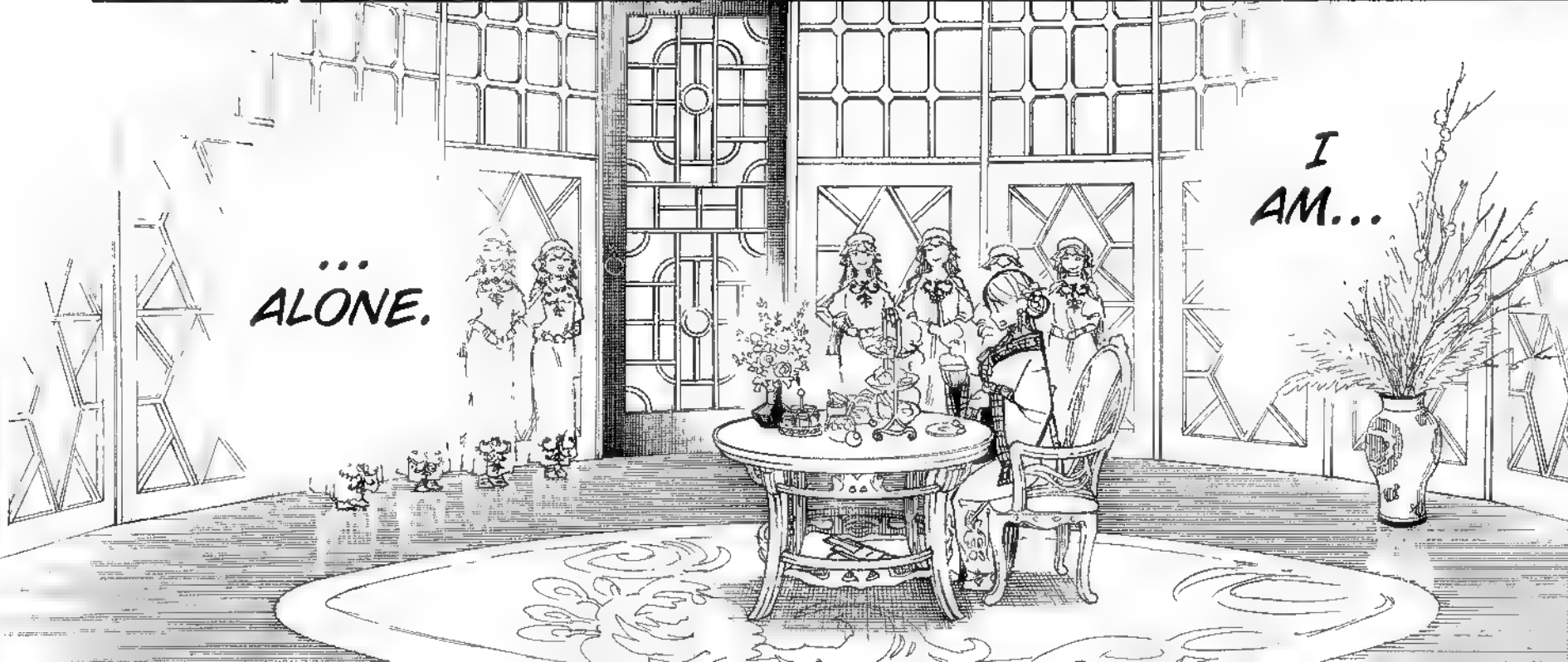
BUT  
THERE'S  
SO MUCH!



SORRY...



WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO  
SHARE IT  
WITH ME?



...  
ALONE.

I  
AM...

...THAT I'LL  
NEVER SEE  
MY FRIENDS  
AGAIN?

COULD  
IT BE...

BLOOP

THE  
OTHERS  
WOULDN'T  
BURST  
INTO  
TEARS  
LIKE  
THIS!!

I'VE  
ALREADY  
LOST  
HEART.

RIGHT  
THIS  
WAY.

SHALL I  
ASSIST  
YOU?

NO,  
THANKS.

NO.

CHAK

...I  
GOTTA  
USE THE  
LADIES'  
ROOM!

BUT  
...

SORRY...

KACHAK

NGH  
...





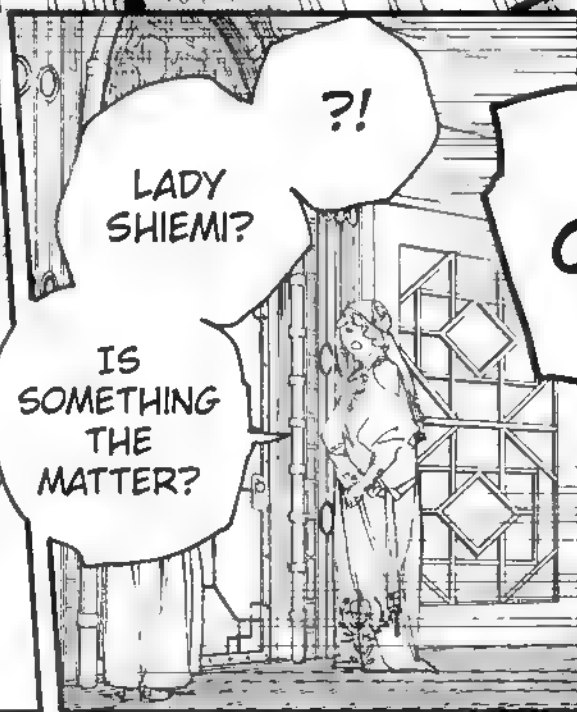
AND IF  
RIN  
WERE  
HERE—

WHAT  
WOULD  
YUKI DO?



...NO, N...  
IT'S  
NOTHING!

W-  
W-  
W...



?!

LADY  
SHIEMI?

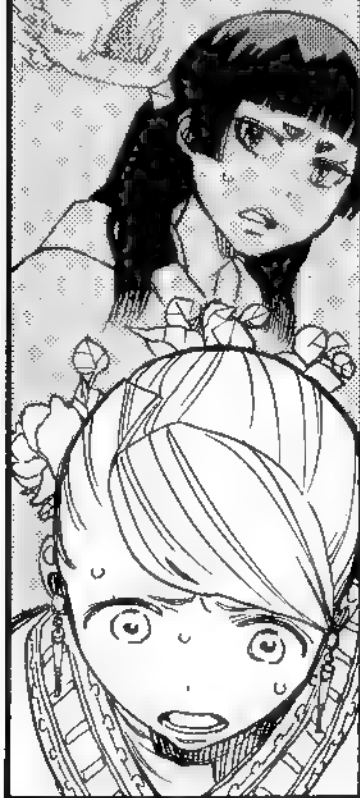
IS  
SOMETHING  
THE  
MATTER?



OW!!

SPLURT

KAMIKI SAID  
SIR PHELES  
HAD RIN IN  
CUSTODY.

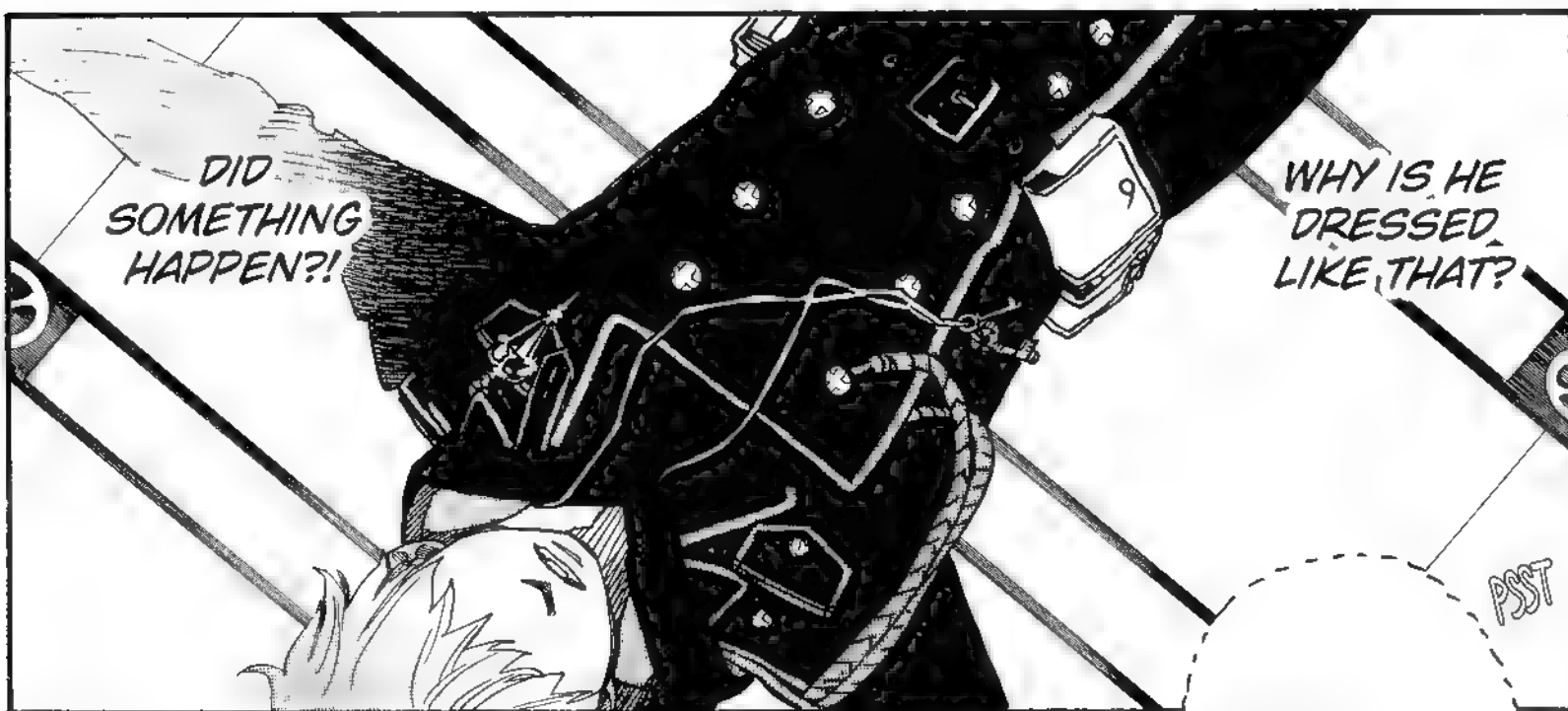


WHY IS  
RIN HERE  
?!!!!



DID  
SOMETHING  
HAPPEN?!

WHY IS HE  
DRESSED  
LIKE THAT?



RIN...

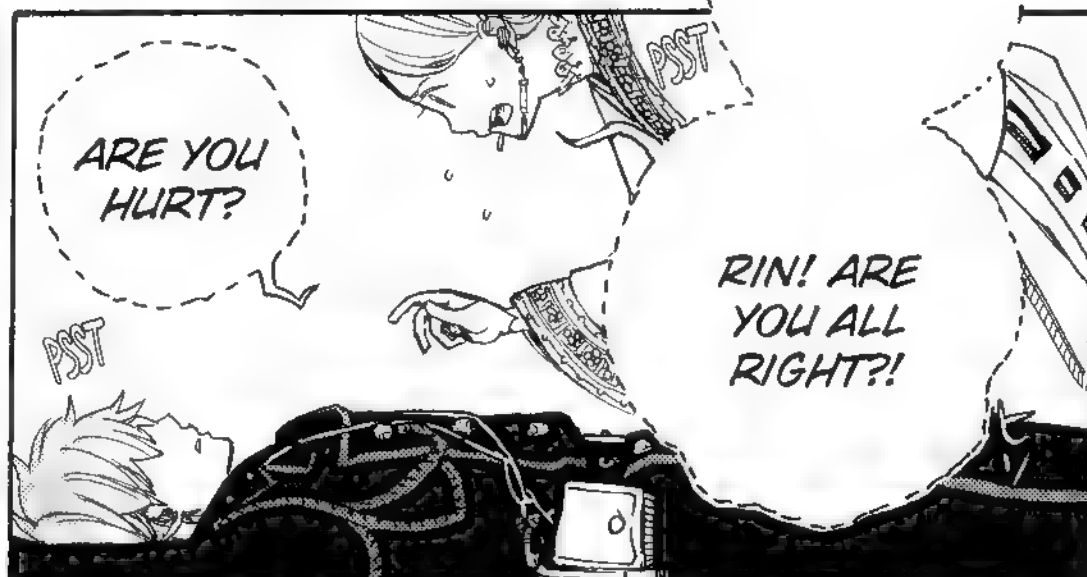
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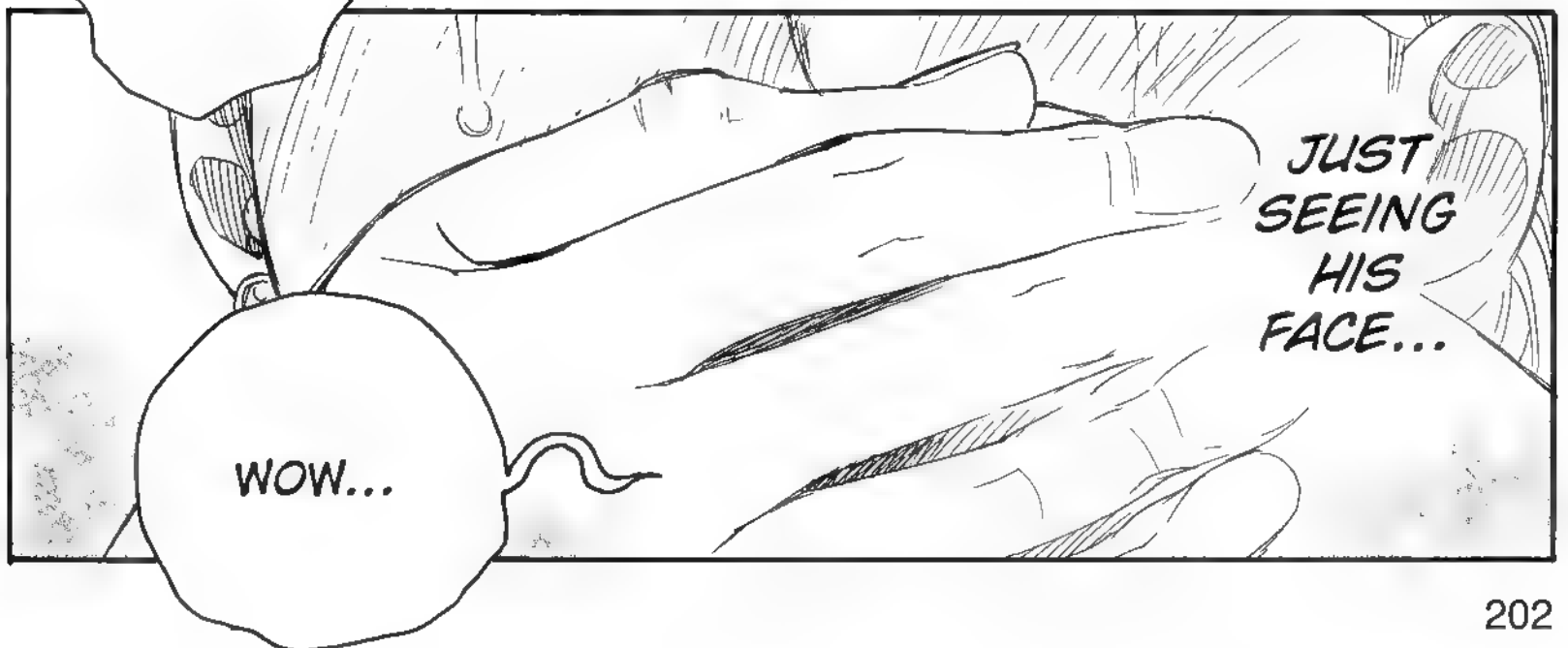
ZZZ

ARE YOU  
HURT?

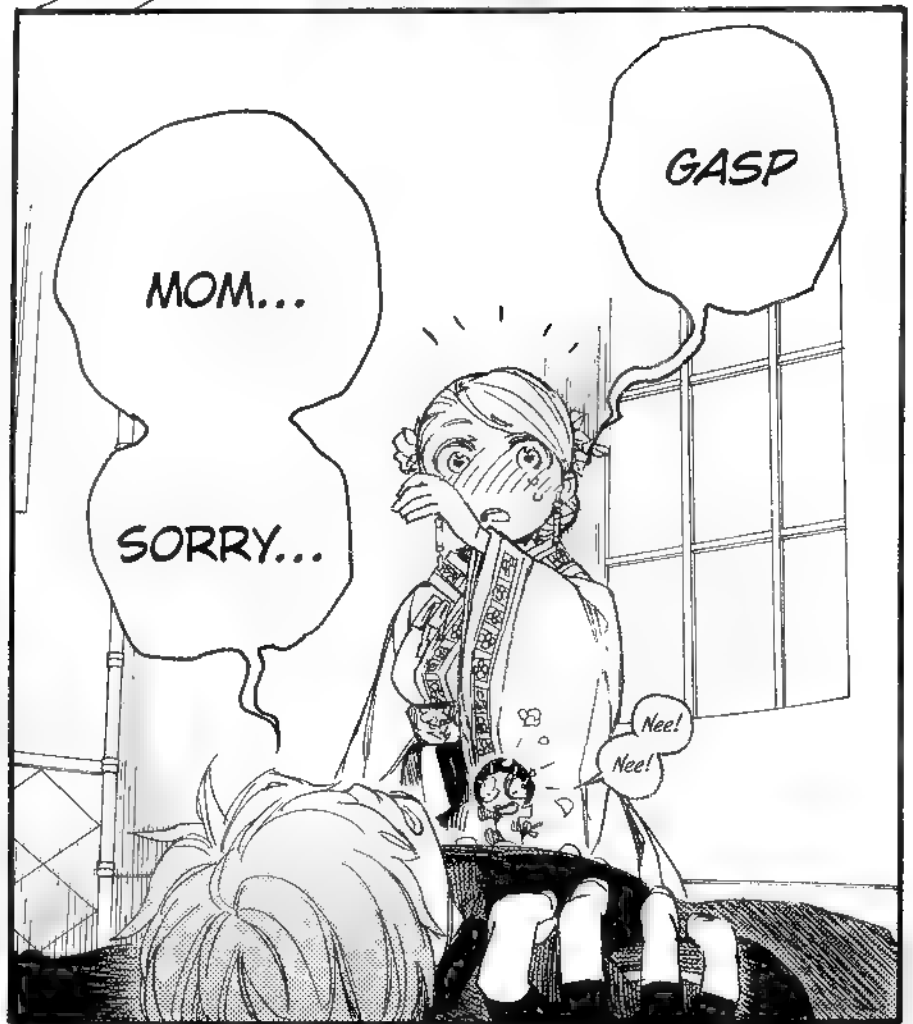
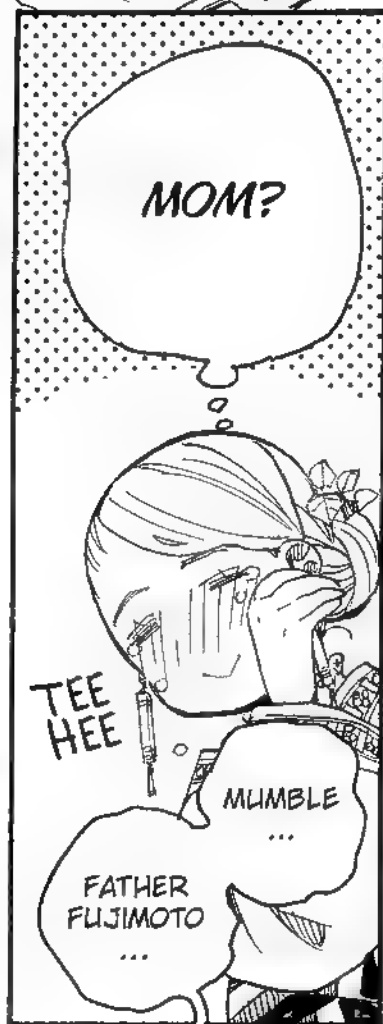
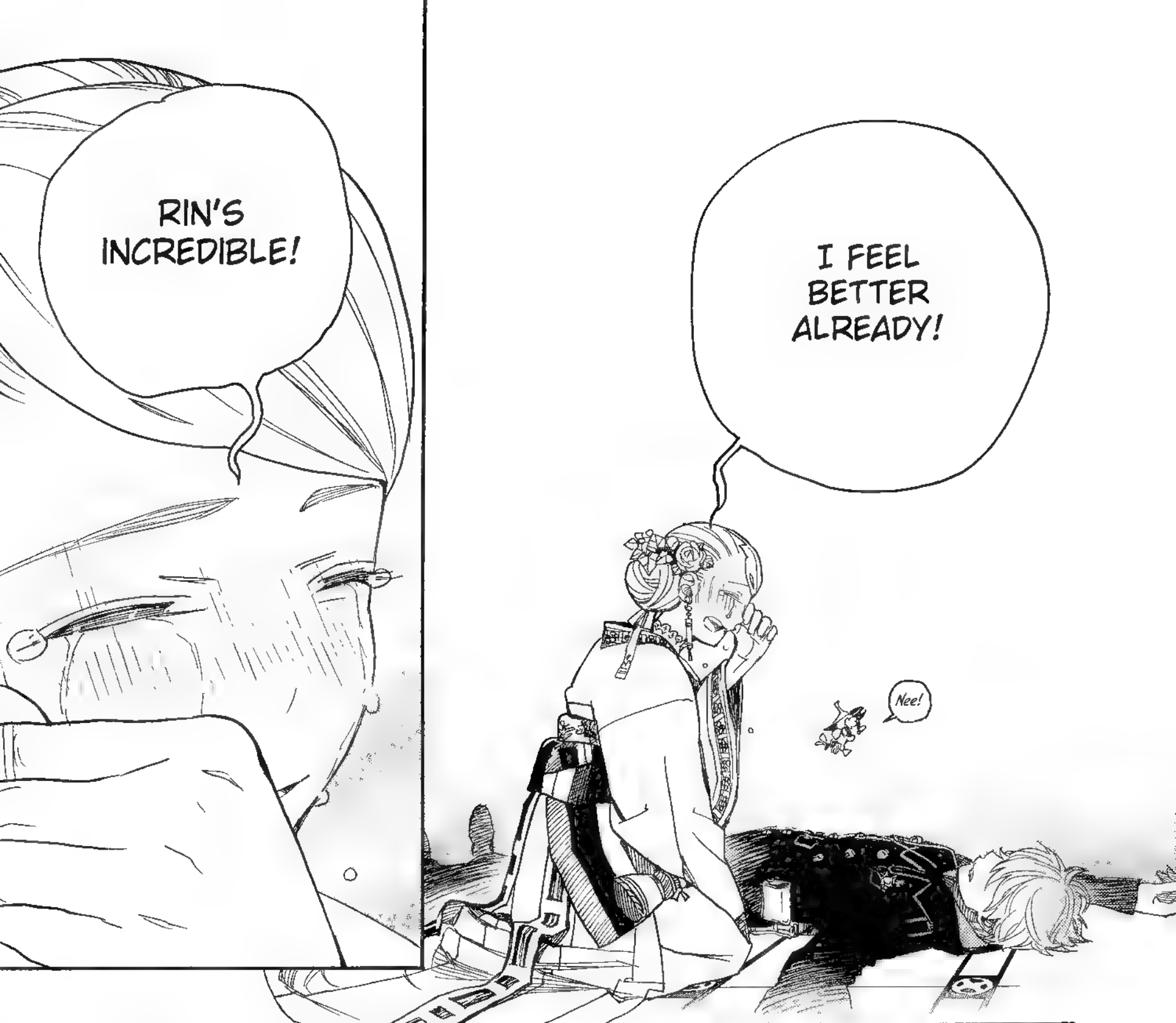
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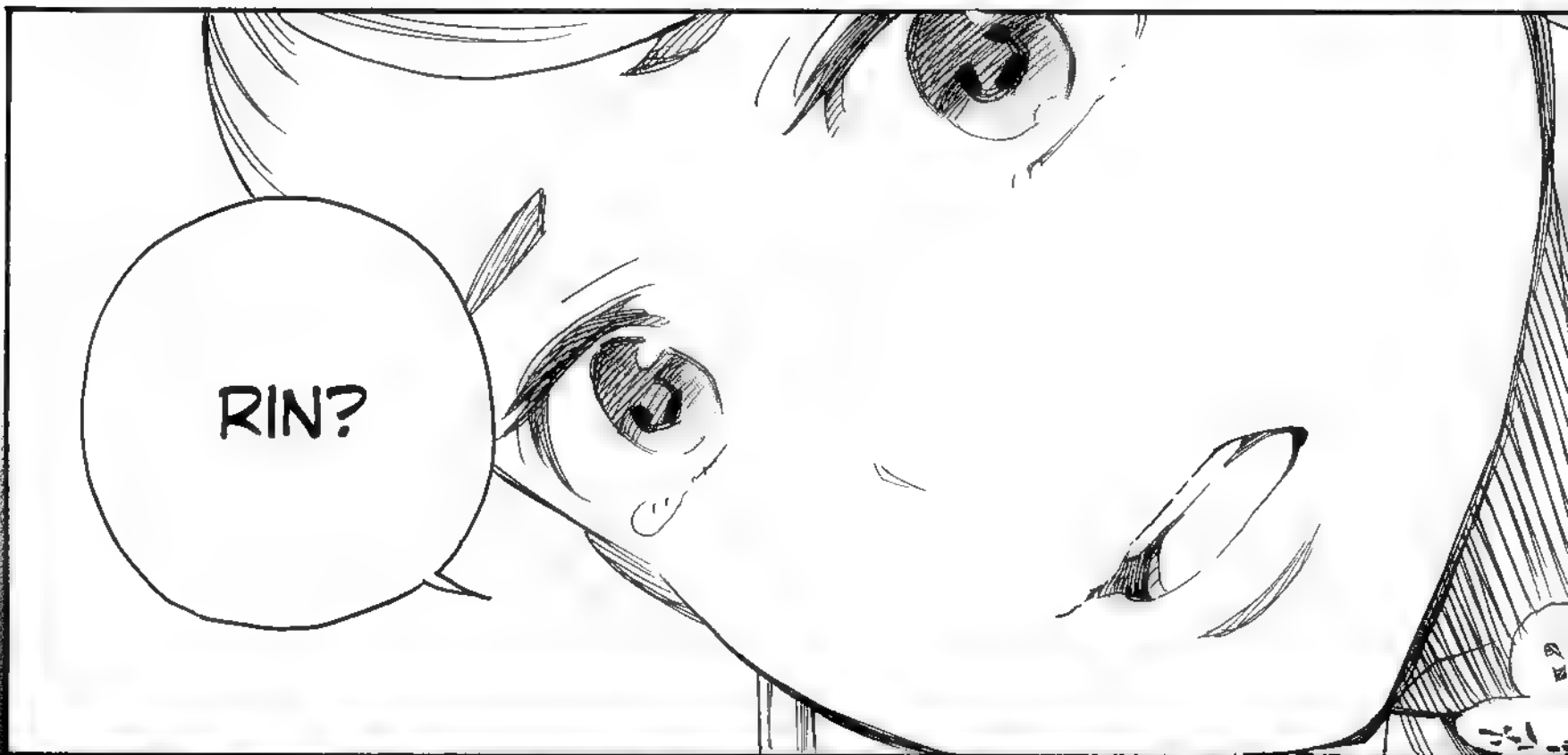
RIN! ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?!











**I'M SORRY,  
EVERYONE.**

**I'M  
SORRY.**



IT'S MY  
FAULT.

THAT  
THING IS  
THE REAL  
ME.

...CREATING  
A MERE  
FRONT!

I  
SPENT 16  
YEARS...

I'VE ALWAYS  
SUPPRESSED  
THE REAL ME  
AS SOMETHING  
BAD.





**BUT  
ACTUALLY...**



**...IT FEELS  
GOOD TO  
CUT LOOSE  
WITH MY  
FLAME.**



**JUST BEING  
ME FEELS  
AWESOME!!**



**AND  
EVERYONE  
THINKS I'M  
A SOURCE  
OF EVIL.**

**MOM AND  
FATHER  
FUJIMOTO  
DIED  
BECAUSE  
OF ME.**



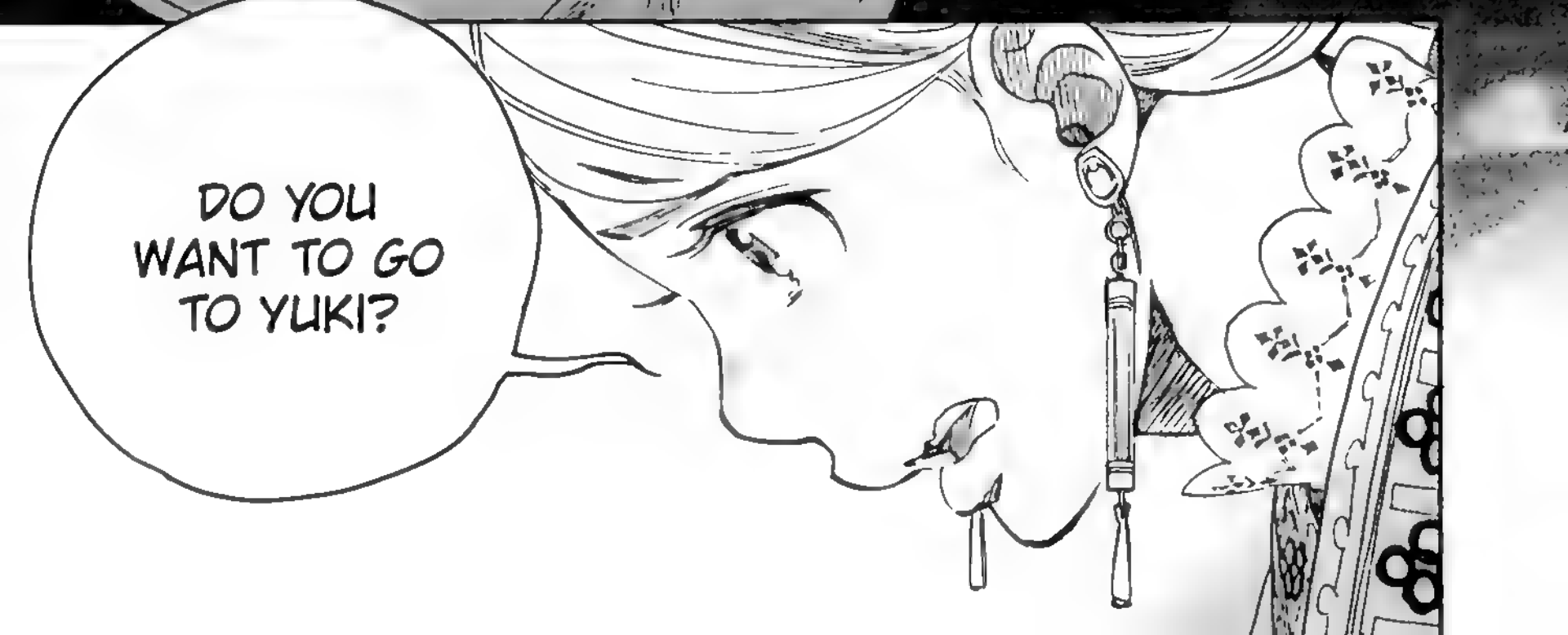
...BECAUSE  
IT DOESN'T  
MATTER.

THERE WAS  
NEVER ANY  
REASON TO  
BE KIND TO  
PEOPLE...



RIN!

MY  
BROTHER  
LEFT  
BECAUSE  
HE HATES  
ME!!



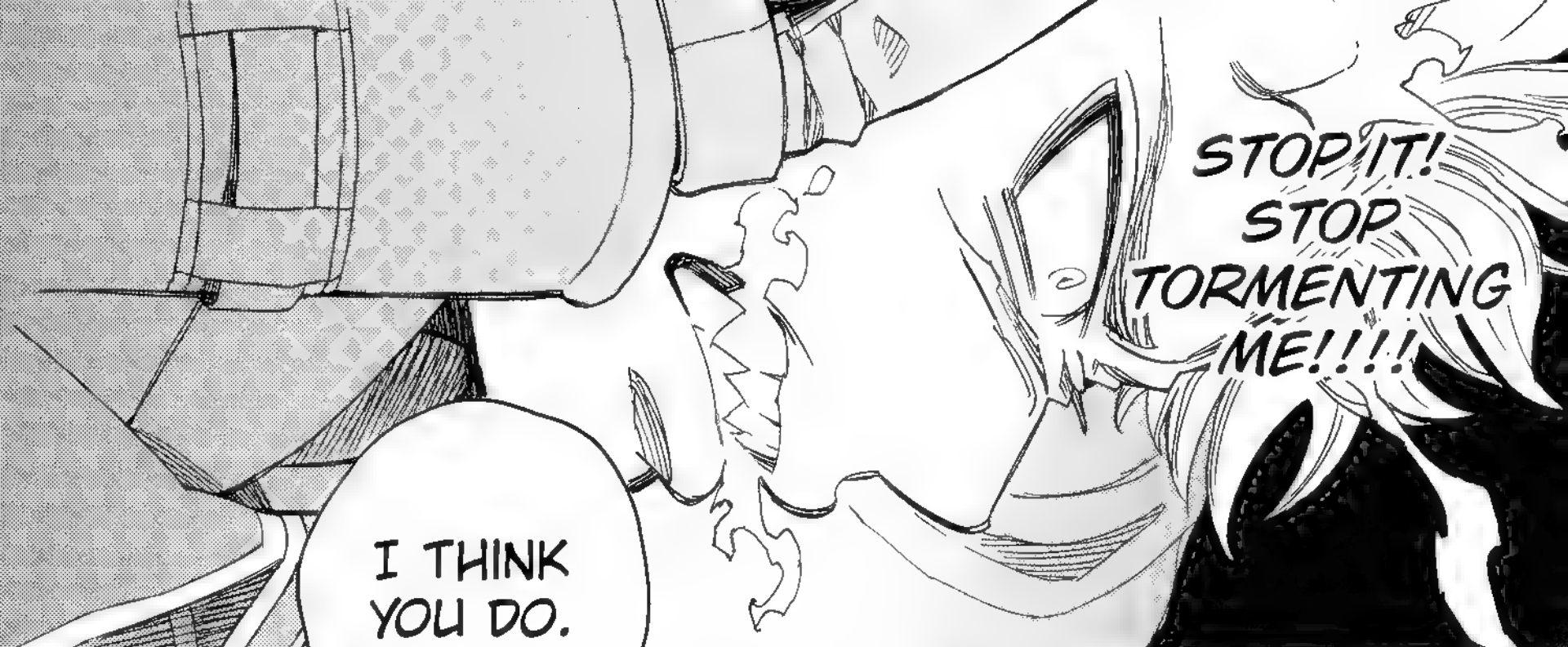
DO YOU  
WANT TO GO  
TO YUKI?



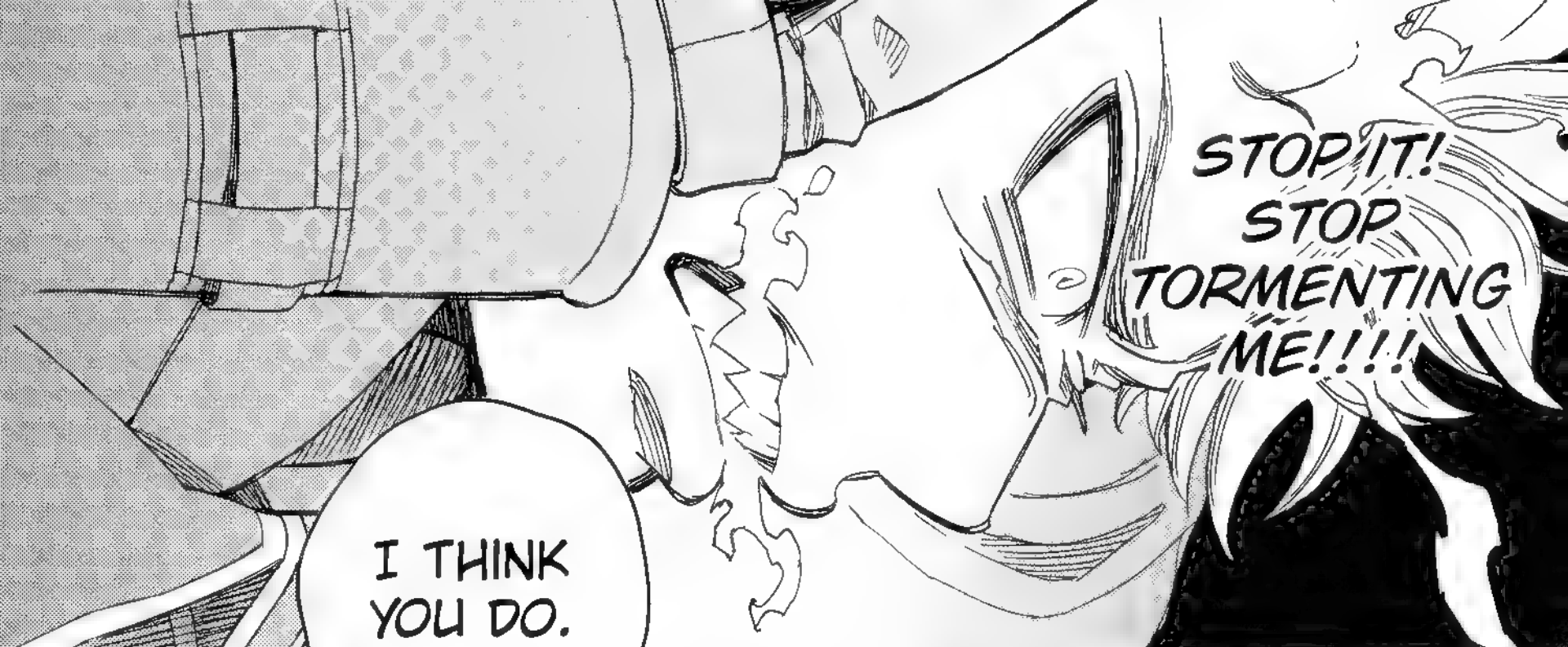
**STOP IT!  
STOP  
TORMENTING  
ME!!!!**



**I THINK  
YOU DO.**



**YUKI MADE HIS  
OWN DECISION  
TO LEAVE...**



**...BUT  
HE WAS  
SUFFERING.**



**AND YOU  
WANTED TO  
HELP.**



**I'M  
GONNA DO  
WHATEVER  
I WANT!**





I'M NEVER  
ANY USE  
WHEN IT  
COUNTS.

I WANTED  
TO HELP  
TOO.

I'M  
GONNA  
GO  
TOTALLY  
WILD!

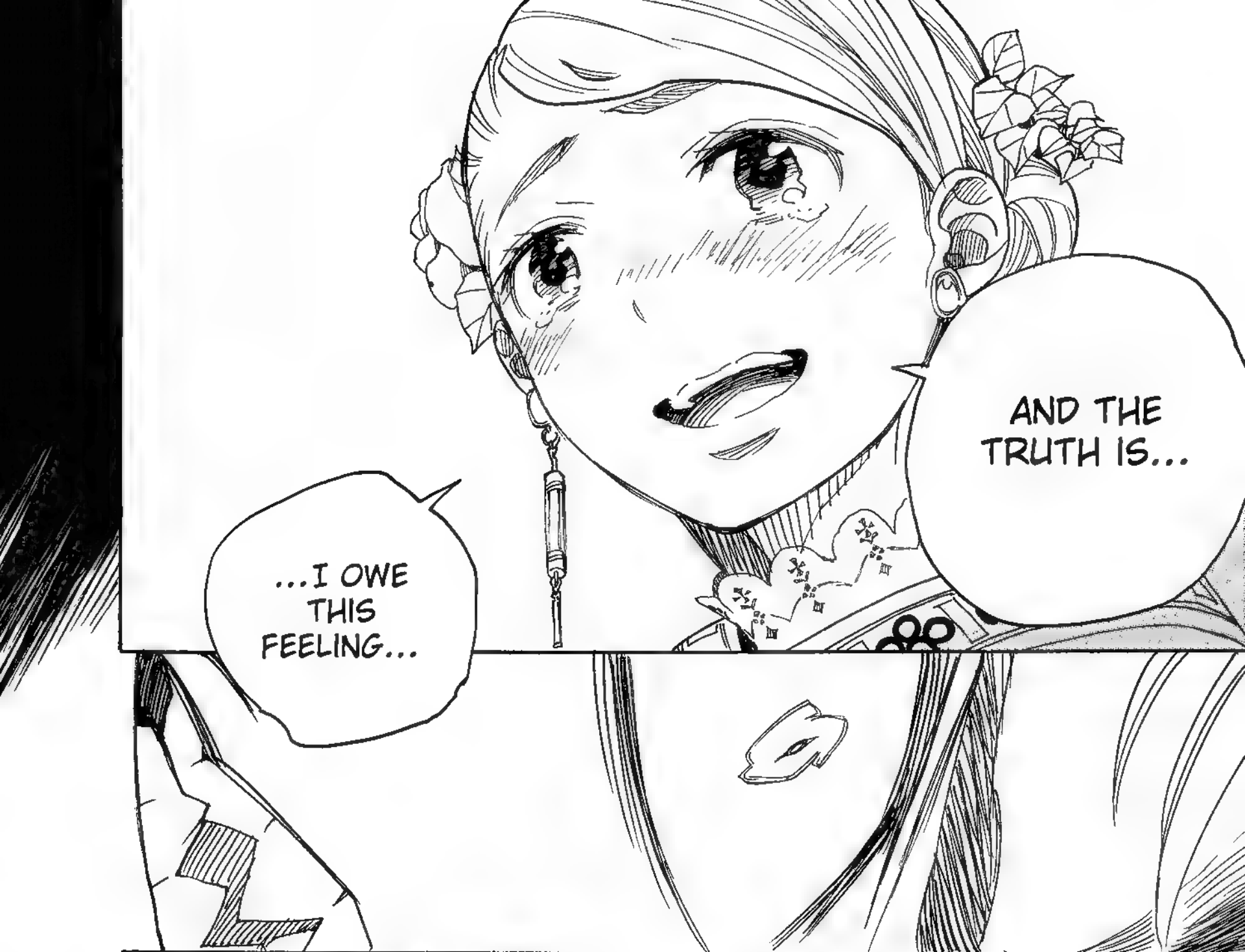
BUT...

...MAYBE  
EVEN I CAN  
BE USEFUL.

**RUB**

...SO I WANT  
TO GIVE  
SOMETHING  
BACK.

I'VE  
RECEIVED  
SO VERY  
MUCH...



...I OWE  
THIS  
FEELING...

AND THE  
TRUTH IS...



...TO YOU  
AND YUKI.



IF I HADN'T  
MET YOU  
TWO...



...I'D STILL  
BE AFRAID OF  
EVERYONE, AND  
AFRAID TO GO  
OUTSIDE.



...AND YOU  
INTRODUCED  
ME TO IT.

IT'S A BIG,  
WONDERFUL  
WORLD WITH SO  
MANY PEOPLE...





YOU  
GUYS....

...ARE  
LIKE THE  
SUN TO  
ME!



I'LL DO MY  
BEST TO  
FOLLOW  
YOU!



**NOK NOK**

**NO**

**BA DOOM**

????

A HUGE POOP?!

EEEK...

WHY'D I SAY THAT?!

EUP! I, UH...

...HAD A HUGE POOP!

YOU'RE TAKING AN AWFUL LONG TIME!

!!

LADY SHIEMI?

**SLAM!**

But what?

**ROLL**

UGH...

NO, YOU CAN'T!!

HUH?!

**KACHAK**

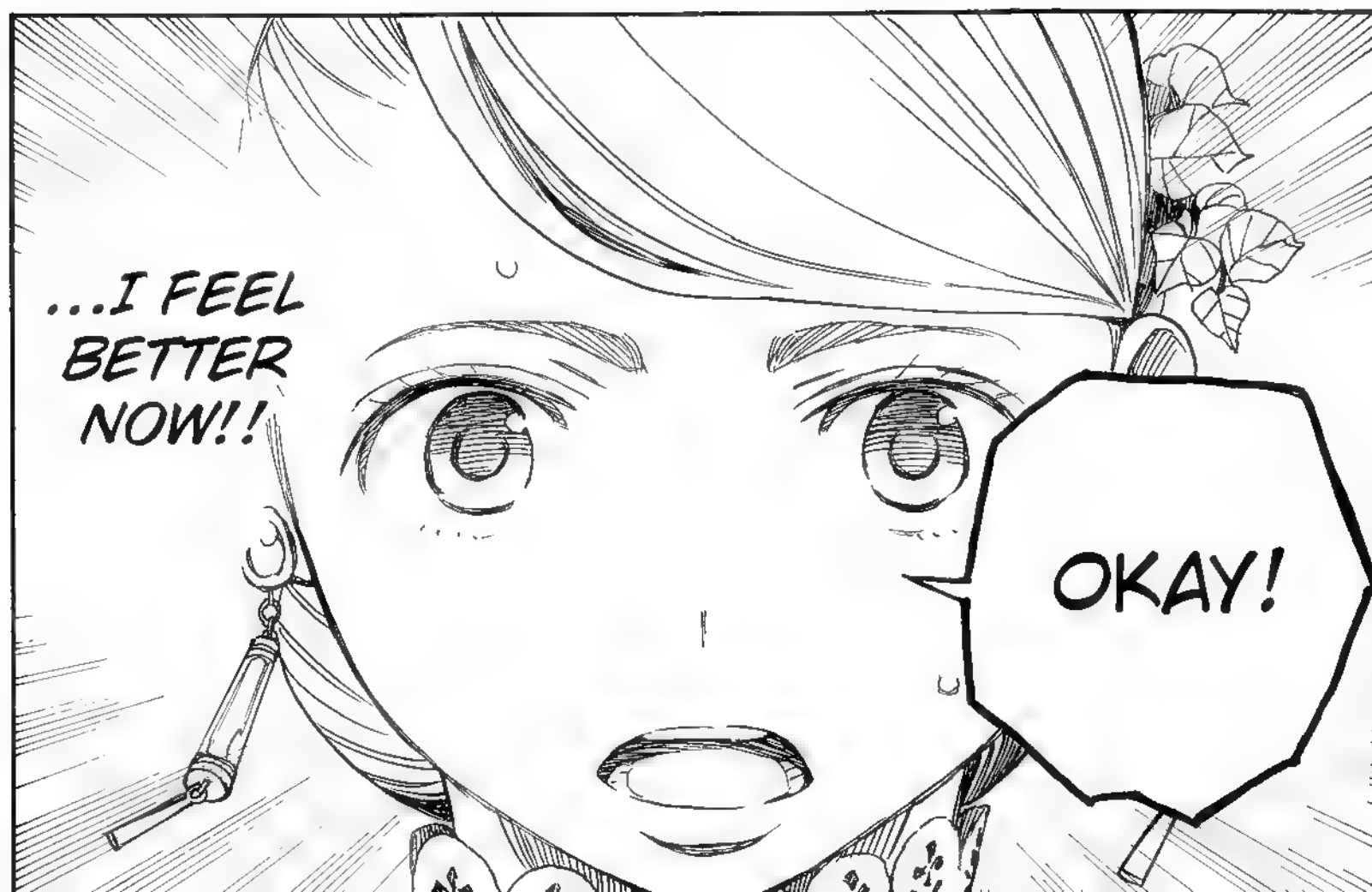
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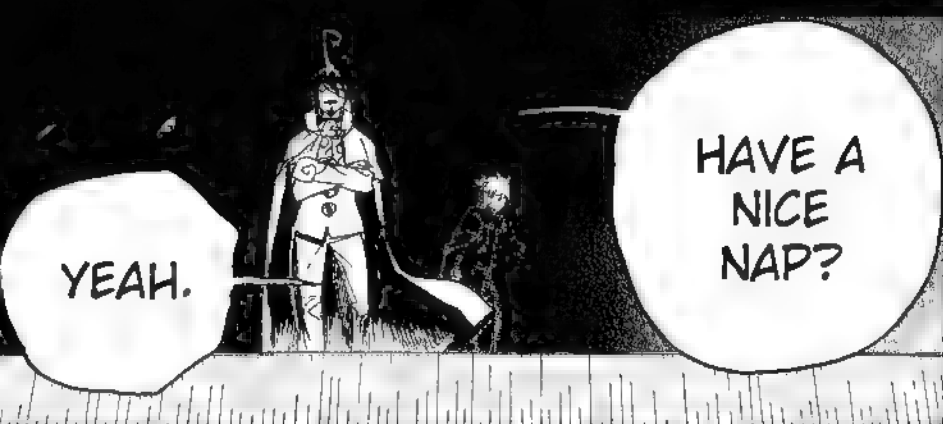
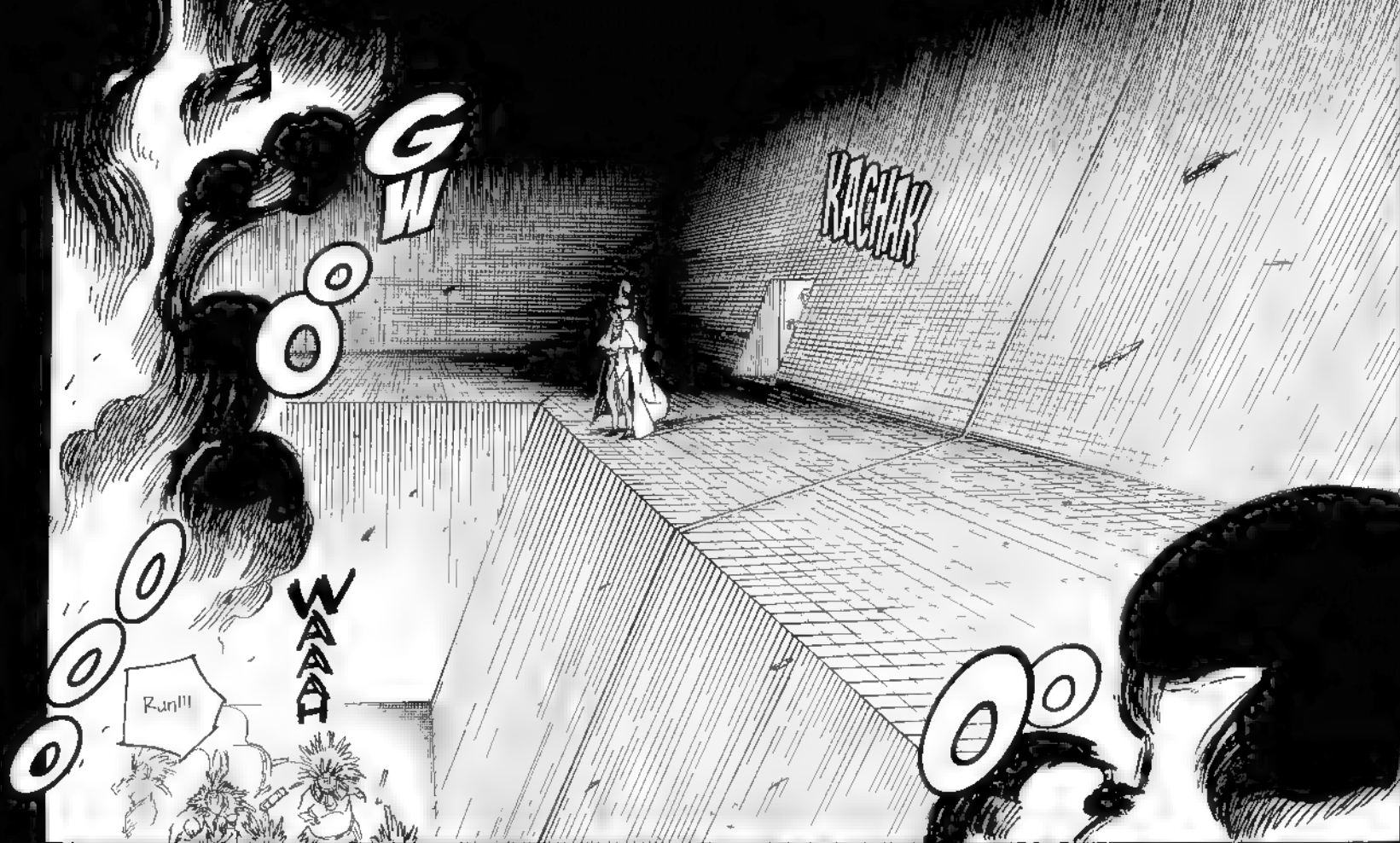
THEN I MUST EXAMINE YOUR LARGE STOOL.

YOU MAY BE ILL!

















BUT I  
CAN'T  
JUST DIE.



I HAVE TO  
WATCH  
EVERYTHING  
THAT HAPPENS  
AND THEN MAKE  
A DECISION.



INDEED...



BUT LIKE  
THIS  
SHE'LL  
DIE!

WE CAN'T  
DO A  
C-SECTION  
NOW!

HAVE I  
RETURNED TO  
THE SAME  
TIME?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO?!

MOM...

YES. YURI  
EGIN IS ON  
THE VERGE  
OF DEATH.

Waan!

Mutter

Boom



?!



I SENSE  
SOMETHING  
LIKE  
"LUCIFER..."

...BUT  
DIFFERENT.

NO  
WAY...



DID YOU  
NOTICE  
THAT?

WHAT  
THE...?!





AAAAAH!

WHOA!

OMP

OMP

WAAH!



SECTION  
13...

WHAT  
...

SPSHH

SPSHH



SATAN  
HAS  
RETURNED  
!!

I DON'T  
KNOW.  
JUST  
RUN!!

HOW? I  
THOUGHT HE  
COULDN'T  
MOVE!



WHERE...

YURI...



WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING?!

B  
D  
E

ARE  
YOU  
LEAVING  
ME  
?!

...YOU  
GROWING  
DISTANT!  
WHERE ARE  
YOU? I  
CAN FEEL...

KOFF  
KOFF

HIS YEARNING  
FOR YURI EGIN  
HAS GROWN  
INTO  
OBSESSION.

DETERIORATION  
OF THE BRAIN IN  
THAT BODY HAS  
ADVANCED.





SATAN HAS  
BEGUN TO  
*BREAK.*



**G  
R  
A  
A  
F  
F  
F**

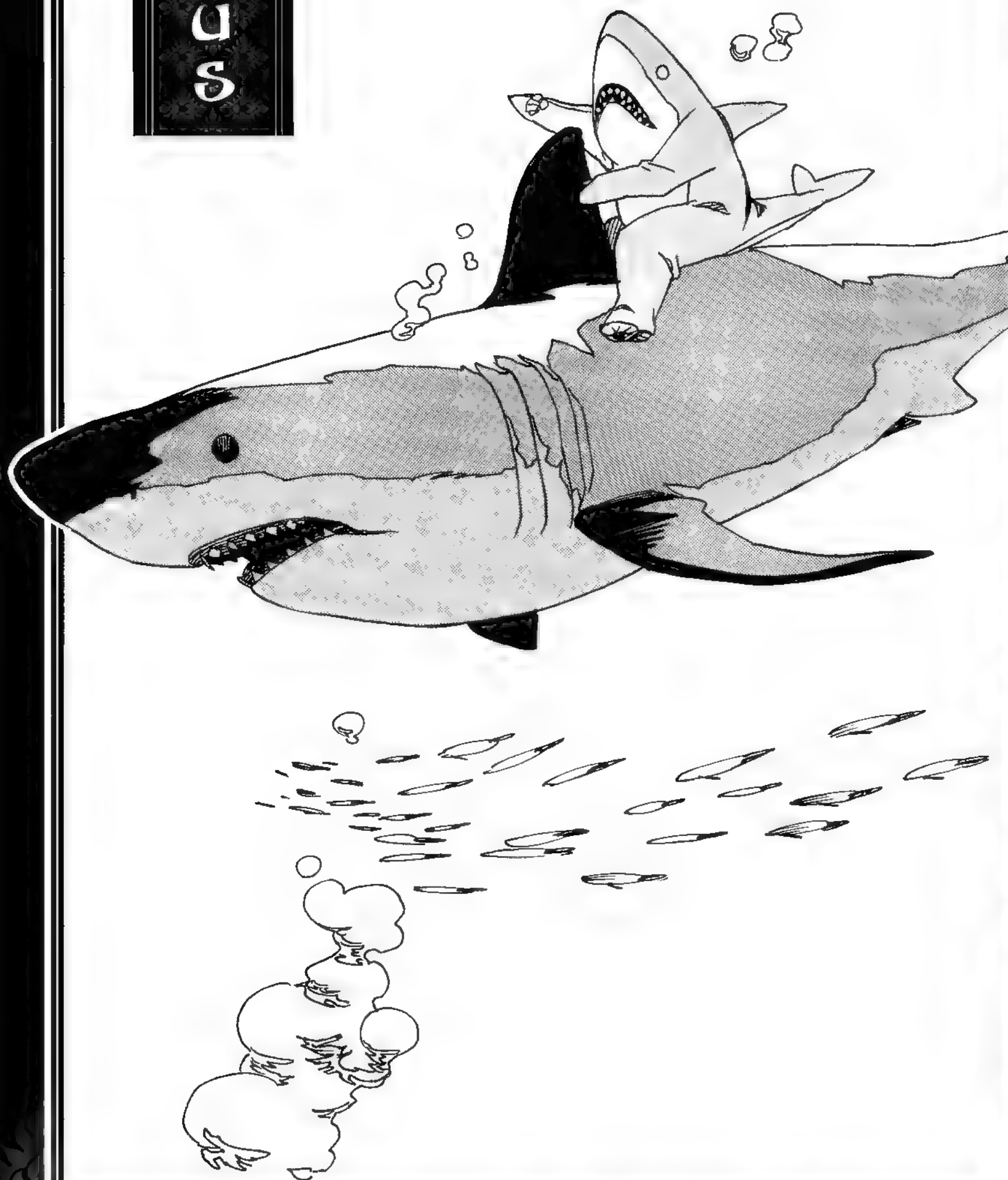




**THE BLUE  
NIGHT HAS  
BEGIN!**



B  
O  
N  
U  
S



BLUE EXORCIST BONUS



Oh,  
who  
cares...



SIGH



It happened  
twice, and  
now three  
times!  
Arrrrgh!!!



## No Fear Even of Death

For  
free.

The food  
court has  
dishes  
from all  
over the  
world.



There's also  
a hospital  
and gym,  
and they  
can even  
get personal  
training and  
physical  
therapy.



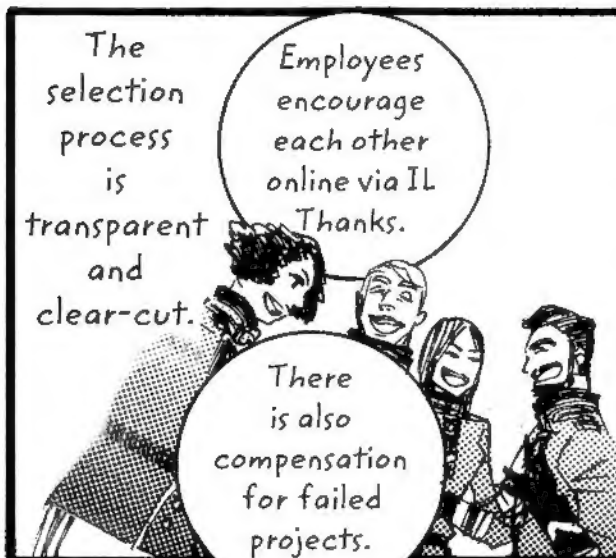
Employees  
have access to  
a shopping  
mall, movie  
theater,  
bowling alley,  
pool and  
more.

The  
selection  
process  
is  
transparent  
and  
clear-cut.

Employees  
encourage  
each other  
online via IL  
Thanks.

There  
is also  
compensation  
for failed  
projects.

Work hours  
differ by job,  
and pay  
depends on  
a worker's  
contributions  
to the  
Illuminati.



The  
Order pays  
based on  
performance...



7  
3  
3  
5

But  
they're  
plotting  
to  
destroy  
the  
world...

The  
benefits  
are better  
here...

Welcome  
to the  
Illuminati!



White...?

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## KAZUE KATO

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WHAT IS EVERYONE IN THE PRESENT DOING  
WHILE RIN WANDERS AROUND IN THE PAST?  
THIS VOLUME FOCUSES ON THAT.

ENJOY THE MANGA!